

ROMANS 32 – 8:29-34

God be for Us

1. 8:28-29

- a. There is a need to rescue these terms from the Calvinistic confusion that exists
- b. What does it mean to be called? – Rom 1:5-7, 10:14-17; 1 Cor 1:9, 1:17, 18, 21, 24
- c. The calling is not a “step in faith”, “blind leap”, “still voice”, “God-given talent”
- d. The calling happens by hearing the gospel – 2 Thess 2:14, Eph 1:13, Gal 1:6
- e. The calling is according to his foreknown purpose – 2 Tim 1:9-10, Col 3:14
- f. We are foreknown of God now – 2 Tim 2:19, Eph 2:11-12, Gal 4:9, (also Mat 7:23)
- g. He foreknew Israel before (are you known or a stranger to God?) – Rom 11:2
- h. Predestinate ~*def.* to determine our destiny before: glorified with Christ Rom 8:17
- i. “*conformed to the image...*” - Remember, all things work for good – Phil 3:21
- j. The people were not before the world began, the purpose was – Eph 1:3-11
- k. “*firstborn*” – How? Not of flesh, but spirit (resurrection) – Col 1:15-18

2. 8:30-31

- a. “*Moreover*” – There is something else that gives us surety of our future hope
- b. The predestination is only for those who trust the gospel (called) – Eph 1:12-13
- c. This is not describing an order of salvation, but the necessary consequences
- d. It was “he” (God) that did everything, which should give confidence - Phil 3:3
- e. “*God be for us*” – Who can be against us if we are complete in him – Col 2:10
- f. Under the law, God would be faithful to keep promise, but did not do it for you
- g. “*against us*” – God, the law, our past, flesh, other people, devil, our sins, time?

3. 8:32

- a. “*spared not*” in that he gave him for us (who? All men) – Rom 5:8, 1 Tim 2:6
- b. “*with him*” – we receive nothing but with/in/through the Lord Jesus Christ
- c. “*freely give*” – this is the key word that shows God’s grace in this dispensation
- d. “*all things*” – which can be included in the good of Rom 8:28, and Eph 1:13, 2:7

4. 8:33-34

- a. “*God’s elect*” – 1) Israel - Isa 45:4; 2) Christ – Isa 42:1, 1 Pet 2:6
- b. God chose to fulfill his purpose in Christ, not men – Eph 1:9-10
- c. The purpose to bring glory through Christ was before the world, not people
- d. Why does he ask this? To show the power of God’s grace – Eph 1:6
- e. Charges against us fail, because God justified us in Christ. Rom 3:24-26, 4:5
- f. All condemnations fail, because it is Christ in us that did the work – 2 Cor 5:21
- g. The Father justified us, Christ died for us, the Spirit seals us – God is for us.
- h. Christ is alive today and makes intercession for us – 1 Tim 2:5-6

Terms as Used in Romans 8:28-34

Called – The gospel audience. (Rom 8:28, 30)

Foreknow – To consider as children of God. (Rom 8:29)

Predestinate – Given the sure hope of glory (Rom 8:29-30)

Elect – God's chosen vessel, Christ's body the church, the new creature. (Rom 8:33)

Dictionary Definitions

Called - Invited, summoned, invoked, addressed

Foreknow – to foresee, to have previous knowledge of

Predestinate – to appoint beforehand, to predetermine, or ordain before

Elect – To choose, select