“You Can Be Sure!”
Romans 8:28-30
Key Words in the Romans 8 Passage

“Called”
“Foreknew”
“Predestined”
“Justified”
“Glorified”

God is the subject of EACH of these verbs
God’s General Call to the World
“Come Home!”

“Stop the wandering in sin; return to Me!”
Acts 17:30 - “God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent!”

1 Timothy 2:4-5 “(God) desires all men to be saved”

Church commissioned to “uttermost parts of the earth!” (Acts 1:8)
Why Aren’t All Saved?

John 3:19-20 – “men loved darkness rather than the light…”

2 Corinthians 4:4 – “minds are blinded”
* don’t believe sin is sin
* don’t believe Who Jesus is, what He did
* don’t believe He’s coming again
God Foreknew “The Saved” From The Beginning

Preseason polls vs. last January’s champion - knowing the end from the beginning

Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 – Our God is eternal and His personhood infinitely extends beyond human history BOTH WAYS!
“...He **Predestined** Us To Become Conformed To The Image of His Son”

**Predestination** = God following His blueprint for human history

Note the purpose of the predestination: “become conformed to the image of His Son!”

Sin OUT; holiness IN! 😊
“God **Justifies** Us” vs. 30.

**Justify**: “**show** or **prove** to be right or reasonable; (theology) declare or make righteous in the sight of God.”

“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are as **scarlet**, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool”  
(Isaiah 1:18).
How Does He Justify Us?

Hebrews 9:22 – “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness”

1 John 1:7 – “…the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
Those Whom He Calls, Foreknew, Predestined, Justified...

Romans 8:30 - **He Will Glorify**!

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who, by the power that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body”

(Philippians 3:20-21).
Salvation is a Gift
To Be Received, NOT Earned!

Sinful Man

Jesus Christ

Holy God

Death
Eph. 2:1
Rom. 6:23

Eternal Life
Jn. 17:3

Jn. 3:16-18, 36
Acts 16:31
Eph. 3:12
“As Many As Received Him...

“...to them He gave power to become children of God, even to those who believe in His Name.”