

Justified Unto Glory

(Rom 8:28-30)

- Remember the context is the assurance of justification by faith

I. Terms

A) “Predestinated”- *prohorizo*- “Before designated”

1. Root word *horizo* is where we get put word “horizon”
 - i. Means a bounding circle, to divide apart, to set off from others, to limit
 - a) Word was used of a shepherd setting apart from the flock those not to be sold or slaughtered, but to be used for breeding
 - ii. 2 Pet 2:9- “A chosen generation, a peculiar people”
2. N/T uses:
 - i. Acts 4:28, 1 Cor 2:7, Eph 1:5 & 11

B) “Called”- The effectual call of God discussed previously (not the general call of the gospel)

1. This is the connecting link in the Golden Chain
 - i. This is the point of passing from the mind of God to us by application of the Holy Spirit
 - ii. The call is unto justification by faith (God’s instrument)
 - a) Heb 4:2- General call without application of God by Faith is ineffectual
2. Called is mentioned first in the order of the methods used in God’s application as the calling is the conduit of the justification
 - i. We separate these terms to study and understand, but they cannot be separated in actuality
 - ii. “Them He called to believe,” or Called to exercise newly received faith”
 - a) Eph 2:8-9- The whole process is the gift of God including the faith
3. God causes the call to come in power and to come effectually:
 - i. 1 Cor 2:4-5-”In Spirit and in power”
 - a) This chapter shows that no amount of human reasoning can obtain unto this
 - ii. 1 Thess 1:5- “Gospel came with power and with the Holy Spirit”
 - a) This is the quickening power of God
 - b) John 3:1-9- Must be born “of the Spirit” (“born from above”)
 - (a) 1 Cor 2:14- Man must be made “spiritual” before he can receive these spiritual gifts
 - (b) 2 Cor 4:3-4- The devil has the lost world blinded so that they cannot receive this

- (1) Thus a power stronger than the devil is needed to be enabled to see them (pictured in Jesus healing the blind)
 - (2) When this happens, what we once regarded as foolish becomes precious to us, and what we once avoided becomes our desire
 - iii. Our will is not bypassed nor negated, neither is it forced
 - a) We are “persuaded” (root word of faith) by God revelation unto us
 - (a) If we are not persuaded by God, we remain as we have always been, in the grip of satan and blinded (Eph 2:1-3)
 - b) Rom 10:17- Faith cometh by hearing (enabled)
 - (a) Acts 16:14- God opened Lydia’s ears
 - (b) John 6:44- God “draws”
 - (c) Acts 11:15- God “grants repentance”
 - (d) 2 Tim 1:9- Called by God with a “holy calling”
 - c) Gal 1:15-16- Saul of Tarsus is the great example of this in scripture
 - (a) He went from hating Christ to called unto salvation in Christ
 - (b) This “hearing” or “revelation” is not only about Christ and His work, but also our eyes are opened to our own utter sinfulness and deserved condemnation
 - (1) Phil 3:4-9- Same as Paul
- C) “Justified”- *dikaiao*- To declare righteous, to pronounce one as he ought to be
 - 1. This is a legal term, a forensic accounting term
 - i. This is what the 1st 4 chapters of Romans are all about: justification by faith alone
 - ii. It is the exact opposite of “condemned” (thus Rom 8:1)
 - iii. Justification is much more than forgiveness, it is eternally guiltless
 - a) It is being seen in the eyes of God as exactly as you ought to be
 - iv. Justification answers any and all claims that the law could make against you
 - a) Rom 8:33- Who can charge with a crime the one God has cleared of all charges?
 - 2. Justification is according to and under the terms of God’s law
 - i. Rom 5:12-21- What Adam failed to do for his race, Christ has done for His
 - ii. Christ’s perfect law-keeping constitutes His righteousness
 - a) 2 Cor 5:19-21- It is that very same righteousness that is credited to us
 - iii. If justification was only forgiveness, then we would be subject to the next violation of God’s holy law, and rightly charged under it
 - a) John 5:24- But we have passed from that position forever, from “death” under the law, to “life” in Christ
 - (a) Thus Rom 5:1- “Peace with God

- b) Rom 5:12-21- It is only “in Christ” that this can be true
 - (a) God has already proved His plan must not hinge on man’s ability to work righteousness
 - (1) The best of the race failed (Adam)
 - (b) If God’s plan did hinge upon us in any way, it would be subject to failure, in fact destined to fail

D) “Glorified”

1. This is full glorification: spirit, soul and body (Rom 8:18-24)
2. Notice this is in the aorist tense (past accomplishment)
 - i. All 5 terms in the Golden Chain are aorist
 - ii. Because this is about what God is doing and not what man does, so its outcome is certain
3. Notice “sanctification” was not listed in this chain
 - i. Compare to 1 Cor 1:30
 - ii. This is in agreement with the context of our section: assurance of salvation
 - a) There is no need to mention sanctification, it is inevitable
 - b) In fact, it might be more proper to consider the entire process “sanctification” from before the world was
 - (a) It’s important to note that understanding of these things is not vital to salvation, it comes afterward
 - (b) Look at the long history of such throughout the last 2000 years
 - (c) If understanding this doctrine was necessary for salvation, no one would be saved
 - (1) When we are 1st saved, we think we “decided” or “did” something in the process, perhaps exercised our own faith.
 - (2) But as time goes on, part of the process of sanctification is a realization that the truth is salvation is God’s work alone