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His Sovereignty
Romans 8:28-30**

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Romans 8:28-30 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (ESV)

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A. For all those who love God.

28 And we know that for those who love God

- *Deuteronomy 6:5-9 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them -*

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- *diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

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- *Matthew 22:37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*
- *1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.*

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I. God is causing all things to work together for our good.

B. For all those who are called according to His purpose. *all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

- *2 Timothy 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,*

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- I. God is causing all things to work together for our good.
- B. For all those who are called according to His purpose.
 - *1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

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- I. God is causing all things to work together for our good.
- B. For all those who are called according to His purpose.
 - *Galatians 1:15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,*
 - *Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,*

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- I. God is causing all things to work together for our good.
 - *Genesis 50:19-21 But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.*

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- I. God is causing all things to work together for our good.
 - *2 Corinthians 12:9-10 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

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II. God has known us from before the foundation of the world.

29 For those whom he foreknew

- *Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption -*

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II. God has known us from before the foundation of the world.

29 For those whom he foreknew

- *as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

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II. God has known us from before the foundation of the world.

29 For those whom he foreknew

- *2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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III. God is determined to make us more like Jesus. *he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

- *I Corinthians 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.*

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- *1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*
- *Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

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- *Ephesians 4:24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.*
- *Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

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IV. From the beginning of time God has purposed and planned to bring about our salvation.

A. He predestined us in Christ in the past.

30 And those whom he predestined

- *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,*

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IV. From the beginning of time God has purposed and planned to bring about our salvation.

B. He is calling and justifying us in Christ right now.

he also called, and those whom he called he also justified,

- *1 Corinthians 15:2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.*



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IV. From the beginning of time God has purposed and planned to bring about our salvation.

B. He is calling and justifying us in Christ right now.

- *Galatians 2:16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.*

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- *2 Corinthians 6:1-2 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

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IV. From the beginning of time God has purposed and planned to bring about our salvation.

C. He will glorify us with Christ forever.

and those whom he justified he also glorified.

- *Romans 10:9-10 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

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