

Lecture 6 – Romans 8:28-30: Called According to His Purpose

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30

Key Terms

Salvation, election, saving work, union with Christ, resurrection, foreknowledge, Arminianism & Calvinism

Lecture Objectives

- To locate and articulate the scriptural basis for the doctrine of election
- To understand and describe the difference/discussion between Calvinism & Arminianism regarding the doctrine of election
- To trace the use of and explain the intended meaning of the word “foreknowledge”
- To consider the implications of the doctrine of election for the glory of God, the salvation of man, and the way in which believers relate

Preview

Dr. Peterson previously walked us through a study of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We now turn our attention to the doctrine of election. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

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I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit


*II. The Doctrine of Election (*See Appendix D for chart*)

A. Three Primary Passages Dealing with Election.

1. Romans 8:28-30

a. Overview

1) Verse 28. We know God works together...

- a) All things for good
- b) For the ones who love God
- c) Even those called according to His purpose
 *Saved by Grace* by Anthony Hoekema

2) Verse 29. For those God....

- a) Five verbs in the past tense
 - (1) Foreknew
 - (2) Predestined
 - (3) Called
 - (4) Justified
 - (5) Glorified
- b) The subject of these verbs is God
- c) The object of these verbs is the elect.

3) John Wesley

 *Paul and Perseverance*, by Judith Gundry Volf

4) Kept by God

5) God’s plan stretches from before the world to glorification.

6) The “for/because” in verse 29 gives the foundation for verse 28.

b. Foreknowledge

1) Background

- a) Prescience
- b) Conditional election
- c) History lesson

(1) Five points of Arminianism

- (a) Total depravity
- (b) Conditional election
- (c) Universal atonement
- (d) grace can be resisted
- (e) perseverance???

(2) Five points of Calvinism

- (a) Total depravity
- (b) Unconditional election
- (c) Limited atonement
- (d) Irresistible grace
- (e) Perseverance!!!

📖 *The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church*, by J.D. Douglas

📖 *Grace Unlimited* by Clark Pinnock, ed.

📖 *The Grace of God and the Will of Man* by Clark Pinnock, ed.

📖 *Still Sovereign*, by Thomas R. Schreiner & Bruce A. Ware, eds.