



Glorified!

GOLDEN CHAIN of GRACE (PART 6)

1 John 2:28-3:3; Romans 8:28-30

Romans 8:1-11; Romans 8:12-25

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What Is the Chief End of Man? (1 Corinthians 6:20; 10:31; Isaiah 43:7, 21)

- Why do you exist?
- What is your purpose in life?
- "The chief end of man is to glorify God and/by enjoying Him forever.

Do You Know God? GOD IS ETERNAL!

Do You Know Yourself? Do you know yourself as God knows you?

The GOLDEN CHAIN of Grace (Romans 8:28-30)

- (v. 28) Do you love God? How? (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14)
- (vv. 29-30) THE GOLDEN (Amazing) CHAIN of God's Grace!

- ① **HE** foreknew . . .
- ② **HE** predestined . . .
- ③ **HE** called . . .
- ④ **HE** justified . . .
- ⑤ **HE** glorified . . .

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GOD Foreknew (Chose)

→ **Have you made your election sure?** (2 Peter 1:10)

Because God Chose (Elected) He Predestined!

→ **Are you growing daily as a disciple of Christ? Are you growing part of a Body?** (2 Cor 3:18; Philip 2:12-13; Ephesians 4:11-16)

God Calls Those Who Are His (Romans 8:28, 30)

→ **Are you walking worthy of your calling?** (Eph 4:1; Col 1:9-11)

God Justified!

- God demonstrated that He is still JUST and the Justifier for ALL whom Christ died for.
- God, the Supreme Judge of All the Earth, declares His people because His justice was satisfied in the person Jesus Christ, His Son, our Federal Head.
- **Are you practicing (living daily) the righteousness of God?** (1Jn 3:6-10)

ALL Those Whom He Foreknew He Has *Already* Glorified

Doctrine of Glorification – Doctrine Stated:



All the chosen/elect of God (1 Peter 2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14) predestined to be conformed into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18), all whom God effectually calls according to His purpose (plan, will, counsel) (Romans 8:28, 30; 2 Timothy 1:9) and justifies freely (Romans 3:23-26) in time will be glorified (1 Cor 15:43). This link of God's grace, glorification, is an inheritance guaranteed by the Holy

Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30). This final glorification will be complete at the return of Christ and the bodies of the saints are resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:54; 1 John 3:2) Throughout this "process" God loses not a single one He chose in eternity "past". (See John 6:37-39)

What Is Saving Grace? What is Salvation?

- You spell biblical salvation like this . . .

REGENERATION SANCTIFICATION GLORIFICATION

- **Regeneration:** A one time event. Being born-again. Born of God. Past tense. "I was saved!" Freedom from the **penalty** of sin. Transformed into a new creation that now desires to live for God, serve God, and obey God. (Luke 7:50; Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Cor 5:17; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5; John 3:1-8)
- **Sanctification:** A process that starts at regeneration and continues throughout a believer's whole life time. This is a daily process of conforming to the image of Christ. Present tense. "I am being saved." Saved from the **power** of sin. (1 Corinthians 1:18; Philippians 2:12)
 - **Sanctification Connected to Glorification**
 - (Romans 2:6-11) Without *sanctification* there can be no *glorification*.
 - We **are not** saved (born-again; glorified) because of works – only by grace! (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:11-14)
 - Works (to include a longing for the return of Christ) are **evidences** that we have received GRACE and that GRACE is at work in us!
 - **FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD!** (James 2:14-26; Matthew 7:21-23)

- **Glorification:** A one time event. Perfection of our spiritual nature, putting off the sinful nature, and receiving a resurrected glorified body. Future tense. “I **will be** saved.” Freedom from the **presence** of sin. (Romans 5:9-10; 8:24; 13:11; 1 Cor 5:5; Eph 1:13-14; 1 Thess 5:8; Heb 10:36; 1 Peter 1:5; 1 John 3:2-3)

► **Suffering and Glorification**

- Suffering is connected to glorification:
 - See Romans 8:17 – suffering and glory intimately connected.
 - Also see Acts 14:22; Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 2:11-12; 1 Peter 5:10
- Christ being received into His glory – see Luke 24:26.
- We have to ask ourselves: How much are we willing to suffer for the Lord's sake?

★ **SALVATION is of the LORD. It is ALL GRACE!**

★ **One must experience ALL three parts of salvation in order to be saved.**



• **Glorification is based on God's grace.**

- Glorification is the result of JUSTIFICATION - God declaring a sinner righteous in His sight only by the work of Christ alone.
- Justification is the result of God's EFFECTUAL CALL.
- This “CALL” is “unto the obtaining of the glory of our Lord . . .” (2 Thess. 2:14)
- God's effectual call is the result of God's predestination and election (foreknowledge).
- The true believer's glorification is AS SURE AS Christ's own! Notice the **past tense** in verse 22 of John 17:22-24.
- God's elect are *already* seated in Christ who is in heaven. (Ephesians 2:6)
- Our “glory” has been prepared for us (true believers). Romans 9:23.
- (Colossians 3:4) “**When**” NOT “**if**”.
- (Philippians 3:20-21) Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to the day that Christ conforms our bodies to His own.
- (Hebrews 9:28) We look to the return of Christ for our final salvation.
- (Romans 8:23, 25) Final glorification (redemption of our bodies) is something that true believers groan for, eagerly, expectantly wait with perseverance.

Glorification Is Guaranteed by GOD, the Holy Spirit

- (Ephesians 1:13-14) **GOD sealed** us with His Spirit as a **guarantee**.
- (Ephesians 4:30) **GOD sealed** us for the day of redemption. (Romans 8:23)

- (2 Corinthians 1:22) **GOD sealed** us as a **guarantee**.
- (2 Corinthians 5:5) **GOD** gave us His Holy Spirit as **guarantee**.

The Elect Are Still Accountable

- (Romans 4:10-12; Hebrews 4:13) We all must give an account of ourselves to God. God holds ALL men responsible/accountable.
- (2 Corinthians 5:10) ALL believers will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give an account.
- Christians **WILL NOT** be judged for their sins – that happened at justification but we will stand before Christ and give an account of our **works**. (Psalm 62:12; Romans 2:5-11; 14:12; Jeremiah 17:10; 32:19; Matthew 16:27; Galatians 6:7-8; Revelation 22:12)

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God's Business and Our Business (Deuteronomy 29:29)

- God's business: ELECTION; PREDESTINATION; CALLING; JUSTIFYING, GLORIFICATION, GRACE.
- Our business:
 - ① **Continually REPENT** of our daily sins. (Mark 1:14-15)
 - BY OBEYING GOD's WRITTEN WORD.
 - ② **Continually BELIEVE** (TRUST) God. (Mark 1:14-15)
 - Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:6; Rom 4:3-6; Gal 3:6; James 2:23)
 - ③ **MAKE IT OUR AIM** . . . (1 John 2:29-3:10)
 - This life is short.
 - This life is a time of TESTING and PREPARATION for the world to come.
 - True believers look eagerly to the “redemption of their bodies.” (Romans 8:23)
 - True believers look eagerly for the second coming of Christ. (Hebrews 9:28; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thess 1:10; 2 Timothy 4:8; Titus 3:13; 2 Peter 3:12).
 - **THIS IS OUR DAILY AIM:** “Whether PRESENT or ABSENT (in the body), to be WELL-PLEASING to Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:9 -10. . . “no longer living for ourselves but for Him who died for us and rose again.” (2 Corinthians 5:15)