

“Called, Justified, and Glorified”

A Study of the Book of Romans

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Key Truth: And those whom [God] predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Romans 8:30 ESV).

The main theme of Romans is the righteousness of God revealed in the gospel which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16-17). As we look at Romans chapter 8, we find we’re about as close to the blazing center of God’s righteousness as we can come, particularly in verses 31-39. Those who believe God are on the inside. Those who don’t believe are on the outside. Like the guards outside the fiery furnace (Daniel 3) and the three Hebrew children inside the furnace, those outside the furnace of God’s righteousness will be burnt up, but those inside the furnace of God’s righteousness will be built up. Where are You?

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 8:29-30** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “Called, Justified, and Glorified.”

DIG IN

1. Observations

What do you notice about these spiritual realities in verse 30?

What do you notice about the span of time encompassed in these spiritual works of salvation?

Why do you think Paul does not mention other works of salvation (sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit, adoption, etc.)?

2. Order

What are the two objects of predestination as stated in the Scriptures (Romans 8:29; Ephesians 1:5). According to Romans 8:29, what is the purpose of our predestination?

Describe the call of the gospel that’s described in verses like, Mark 16:15-16, 2 Corinthians 5:20, and Matthew 22:2-3, 14. Can you think of other Scripture verses that speak of this call?

Read Romans 1:6-7 and 1 Corinthians 1:2, 9: What do you notice about these examples of God’s call? In what ways do these describe the call of God in Romans 8:30?

What is God’s role in justifying believers? Why do you think this spiritual work is included in the order of Romans 8:30?

Why does Paul speak of our glorification in the past tense (v. 30, see Isaiah 46:10)? How might this assure us that God’s plan for us will be fulfilled?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?