

Five Pearls of Promise

Romans 8:29-30

I. God has chosen to set His elective love upon all who belong to Christ (“whom He foreknew”).

- God entered into this intimate relationship in eternity past.
- This does not mean that God foreknew who would believe and therefore chose them. What is wrong with this interpretation?

II. God has appointed all who belong to Christ to be conformed to a likeness to Jesus Christ (“He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren”).

- The word “predestined” (Greek word is *proorizo*, our word horizon) means to determine beforehand.
- This takes us into eternity future.
- God’s ultimate purpose is to glorify Himself by surrounding His Son with a multitude like His Son.

III. God by His Holy Spirit brings every believer into a relationship with Jesus Christ (“these He also called”).

- This is the special/effective call. This call is internal, specific, and is effective in saving us.
- God uses the proclamation of the Word of God to do this (Rom. 10:17).

IV. God declares every believer in Jesus Christ to be acquitted before Him (“these He also justified”).

- God pronounces us innocent of all charges against us. He declares us righteous (Rom. 3:24, 28; 4:2; 5:1, 9).

V. God will make every believer in Jesus Christ fully realize their inheritance in Christ (“these He also glorified”).

- God loses no one in the process of foreknowledge to glorification.