

# 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.