

Our Father

And His Love for us

- ▶ 1 Samuel 16:7–8 God *sees* not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART.**
- ▶ Proverb 16:2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but **the LORD WEIGHS THE MOTIVES.**
- ▶ 1 Cor 4:5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both **bring to light** the things hidden in the darkness and **disclose THE MOTIVES OF HEARTS**; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.
- ▶ James 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with **WRONG MOTIVES**, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

- ▶ Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus religious works do not mean anything, but **faith working through LOVE.**
- ▶ Gal 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through LOVE serve one another.**
- ▶ 1 Cor 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but **the greatest of these is LOVE.**
- ▶ The foundation – that which everything else is built on in Christianity is **LOVE.**
- ▶ 1 John 4:8 The one who does not **LOVE** does not **KNOW** God, for **God is LOVE.**

- ▶ 1 Timothy 1:5 **The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.**
 - Psalm 51:10 **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ▶ 1 John 4:19 **We love, because He first loved us.**
- ▶ So to help us more fully understand our **FATHER's Love for us . . . this study**

A Study of: Romans 8:28–30

And we **know** that God causes all things to work together for good to those who **LOVE GOD**, to those who are **CALLED** according to His purpose. For those whom He **FOREKNEW**, He also **PREDESTINED** to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many “brethren”; and these whom He predestined, He also **CALLED**; and these whom He called, He also **JUSTIFIED**; and these whom He justified, He also **GLORIFIED**.

- ▶ Isaiah 46:11 . . . Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.

See also Isaiah 46:8–11; 55:8–11

- ▶ Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good [**For Who?**] to **those who love God**, to those who are called
- ▶ Who are the ones who love God?
- ▶ . . . **THOSE WHO ARE CALLED**, according to His purpose. / His Plan.

I. Who does He Call?

... **THOSE** whom He **FOREKNEW** ...

Aorist Tense – action happened & completed at a point in time past.

Active Voice – subject (God) performed the action.

Indictive Mood – the action was certain & realized.

those whom He FOREKNEW –> Those He knew before they were born, in eternity past. Whose names were written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb.

Revelation 13:8 & 17:8

- ▶ Ephesians 1:4 **He CHOSE** (AMI) **US** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be (predetermined to be) **holy and blameless before Him.**
by the BLOOD of JESUS
- ▶ 1 Peter 1:1–3 To those . . . who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father . . . who according to His great mercy has **CAUSED US** to be born again to a living hope
- ▶ John 15:16 **You did not choose Me but I CHOSE YOU !!!**
- ▶ So, How **SPECIAL** are YOU ???

▶ II. You were Predestined / Predetermined to . . .

Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also **PREDESTINED** (AAI) to become conformed to the image of His Son.

Ephesians 1:5 in Love He **PREDESTINED** (AAP) us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will

▶ Ephesians 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, **HAVING BEEN PREDESTINED** according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will

III. Therefore: Because **HE LOVES YOU** – He Called You.

- ▶ Romans 8:30 **and these whom He predestined, HE ALSO CALLED**
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 1:23–24 **We preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block, to the Gentiles foolishness, but to “THOSE” WHO ARE CALLED . . . Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.**
- ▶ **YOU ARE LOVED ! YOU ARE SAVED ! YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE !**
- ▶ Hebrews 9:15 **He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that . . . those who HAVE BEEN CALLED may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**

- ▶ those who love God -> are those He foreknew -> are those He predestined -> are those He called ->

This is why we love our FATHER and our Savior JESUS Christ.

- ▶ His irresistible call was to your heart, not your head. You called His Name because HE FIRST CALLED YOU.
- ▶ 1 Cor. 1:2 **To the church** (ekklesia **called out ones**) of God which is at Corinth, to **THOSE** who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all who in every place **CALL on The Name of our Lord Jesus Christ**
- ▶ We CALL on HIM because HE FIRST CALLED US.
- ▶ 1 Thessalonians 5:24 **Faithful is He who CALLS you, and He also WILL BRING IT TO PASS.**

- ▶ John 10:3 . . . **THE SHEEP** hear his voice, and **HE CALLS HIS OWN** sheep **BY NAME** and leads them out.
- ▶ John 10:4 When He puts forth **ALL HIS OWN**, He goes ahead of them, and the **sheep follow Him** because **THEY KNOW HIS VOICE**.
- ▶ John 10:26–29 **My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me and I give eternal life to them, and they will NEVER perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.**

V. Knowing this TRUTH gives us ASSURANCE & LOVE for our FATHER & LORD JESUS CHRIST. Therefore:

- ▶ 1 Tim 6:12 **Fight** the good fight of faith; take hold of the **eternal life to which you were CALLED**, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
- ▶ 1 Thess 2:12 so that you would **WALK** in a manner **worthy of God who CALLS YOU** into His own kingdom and glory.
- ▶ 1 Peter 2:9 But **you** are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has **CALLED YOU** out of darkness into His marvelous light

- ▶ 1 Cor 1:9 **YOU WERE CALLED** into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ
- ▶ Acts 2:39 For the promise is for **YOU** and your **children** and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will **CALL** to Himself.
- ▶ Ephesians 4:1–3 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, **implore** you to **walk** in a manner **worthy of the CALLING** with which you have been **CALLED**, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Salvation does not end with The Calling:

- ▶ those He foreknew → He also predestined
→ He also called → He also **JUSTIFIED**

VI. He Justified You

- ▶ Romans 8:30 **and these whom He called, He also JUSTIFIED** (AAI)
- ▶ Romans 3:24 **being JUSTIFIED AS A GIFT** by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus 5:9 **Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we SHALL BE SAVED** from the wrath through Him.

- ▶ Colossians 2:13–15 **When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, HE MADE YOU ALIVE** together with Him, having **forgiven us all our transgressions,**
How did HE do that???
- ▶ having **canceled out the certificate of debt** consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it **out of the way,** having **nailed it to the cross.** And the blood of JESUS flowed down, blotting out the list of our sins ! In doing this HE . . .
- ▶ When He had **disarmed the rulers and authorities,** He made a public display of them, having **triumphed over them through Him – through JESUS ! ! !**

SALVATION DOES NOT END WITH JUSTIFICATION:

VII. And He Glorified You

- ▶ Romans 8:30 **and these whom HE JUSTIFIED, HE ALSO GLORIFIED** (AAI)
- ▶ In the eyes of THE LORD who sees the end from the beginning and “Who works all things after the counsel of His will” (Eph.1:11)

It Is Finished !

- ▶ Therefore: **HE SAVED US**, not because of righteous things we had done, but **because of HIS MERCY.** Titus 3:5
- ▶ 2 Timothy 1:9 **HE HAS SAVED US** and **CALLED US** with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to **HIS OWN PURPOSE** and **GRACE** which was **GRANTED US** in Christ Jesus **FROM ALL ETERNITY**
- ▶ It is as Jesus said,

It is finished ! John 19:30

- ▶ Just as the HOLY SPIRIT said through the Prophet Isaiah 46:11
- ▶ Truly I have spoken, truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.
- ▶ Also Isaiah 46:9–10 For I am God, and there is no other; I Am God, and there is no one like Me,
- ▶ Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done,
- ▶ Saying, My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure

Salvation is from the LORD Jonah 2:9

- ▶ The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is a FATHER. HE LOVES HIS CHILDREN
- ▶ He takes care of and provides for them what they need and can not obtain for themselves . . . Salvation!
- ▶ HE IS ETERNAL and HE HAS SEEN TO IT THAT HIS CHILDREN WILL BE WITH HIM FOR ETERNITY.
- ▶ **God is Love** (1John 4:8) and **Love never fails** (1Cor.13:8)

- ▶ And this is why WE LOVE GOD OUR FATHER AND HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.
- ▶ **We love Him, because He first loved us.** 1 John 4:19
- ▶ Hebrews 9:12 . . . through HIS own BLOOD, HE entered the Holy Place once for all, having obtained **ETERNAL REDEMPTION.** 15 For this reason HE is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions . . . **THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED** may receive the **PROMISE** of the **ETERNAL INHERITANCE.**

- ▶ For our **ETERNAL SALVATION** – It is a **Finished Work** !
- ▶ **However**, for my **day by day Salvation** from the “Roaring Lion” (1Pet.5:8) that is looking for someone to devour . . .
- ▶ There is more to be said on this subject.
- ▶ You can find these notes at:
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- ▶ If You Are GRATEFUL for what HE HAS DONE FOR YOU, and YOU LOVE your FATHER and LORD JESUS CHRIST . . .
- ▶ Live a life that Honors and Glorifies the LORD.
- ▶ Showing and demonstrating your LOVE, your GRATEFULNESS, your APPRECIATION, that HE has PREDESTINED You – CALLED You – JUSTIFIED You – SAVED You and GLORIFIED You.

- ▶ HOW can YOU Live a life that Honors and Glorifies the LORD?
- ▶ Answer: ONLY to the degree that YOU LOVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST and our Heavenly FATHER.
- ▶ 2 Cor 5:14–15 For the **LOVE OF CHRIST CONTROLS US**, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might **no longer live for themselves, but for HIM** who died and rose again on their behalf.
- ▶ controls us – To take hold of / to arrest as a prisoner / to compel / to motivate

- ▶ Your Heavenly FATHER did all of this because:

YOU ARE HIS CHILD
HE takes care of His own.
HE LOVES YOU !
YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL !
AND VALUABLE TO HIM !

- ▶ 1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the FATHER has lavished on us, that we are called children of God!
- ▶ LIVE A LIFE THAT GLORIFIES YOUR FATHER AND MAKES YOUR FATHER PROUD OF YOU.

Jesus Cares For His Own

The Lord Jesus is still on His Throne
He lovingly cares for His own
His promises are True - He greatly loves You
He ever cares for His own

Jesus is still on His Throne
He rules in behalf of His own
He bottles your tears throughout the years
He numbers your hair for He genuinely cares
He jealously watches over His own

You are precious in His sight
A valuable Treasure in His light
For You He left His Throne
He came down for His own

For You HE was slain
Through HIS BLOOD You were obtained
His treasure was found
Redeemed from the ground

With a shout of Victory, He returned to His Throne
And bears His right arm in behalf of His own

Expectantly He waits
for each to be brought to his place
There beside Him on His Throne
Trophies of His Grace
Proudly displayed as His Own.

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- ▶ Ephesians 3:14–19 Apostle Paul's Prayer for all of us:

When I think of all this . . . I fall to my knees and pray to the FATHER . . . I pray that from HIS glorious, unlimited resources HE will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

- ▶ **And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, HOW WIDE – HOW LONG – HOW HIGH – AND HOW DEEP HIS LOVE IS. MAY YOU EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF CHRIST, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**

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