

BIG WORDS IN THE BIBLE

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#13 = PREDESTINATED

Romans 8:26-27, 34

WHAT PREDESTINATION IS NOT

- 5 basic tenets of Calvinism, which we reject: (TULIP)
 - Total _____ (Man is utterly depraved and cannot choose God on his own)
 - Unconditional Election (God chooses who gets saved and who cannot get saved)
 - _____ Atonement (Jesus only died for some. Only for the “elect”)
 - Irresistible _____ (You don’t get a choice. God decides you will get saved, so you do)
 - Perseverance of Saints (Those truly saved will persevere in faith to the end)
- Predestination is not _____. Predestination is not the same as foreknowledge.
- Romans 8:29 = God knew beforehand. What did He know? Is this saying He knew who He would choose?
- God knew who would believe and decided that whoever trusted in Him would have certain benefits.
- This leaves us with a free _____ and a responsibility. It does not take away God’s sovereignty.

WHAT PREDESTINATION IS (Ephesians 1)

- *Predestinate* = “To _____; to decide beforehand”
- What has God predestined?
 - Believers will be _____ to the image of Christ. (Romans 8:29)
 - Believers will be holy and without blame. (Eph. 1:4)
 - Believers will be _____ as children. (Eph. 1:5)
 - Believers will be accepted in the beloved. (Eph. 1:6)
 - Believers will have redemption through His blood and forgiveness of sins. (Eph. 1:7)
 - Believers will receive an _____. (Eph. 1:11)
 - Believers will be to the praise of His glory. (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14)
- V. 12 = Key phrase = “...who _____ trusted in Christ.” = These things were predestined to be given to those who first made a _____ to trust Christ as Savior.
- Notice what the passage does NOT say. It does not say that God predestined some to believe, but did not even give the possibility of belief to others.
- Predestination is about the predetermined, guaranteed _____ of those who trust Christ.
- God determined before the world began what would happen to those who are in Christ.

WHAT DOES PREDESTINATION MEAN FOR US?

1. It means that God has a _____.
 - a. God had a plan before the world began!
 - b. God planned for wonderful _____ to be given to those who are in Christ.
2. It means that God has a _____.
 - a. What is God’s purpose for us as believers?
 - b. There are two things God wants:
 - i. _____
 1. God’s purpose is that we be conformed to the image of His Son.
 2. Our lives are conformed to Christ through _____.
 - ii. _____

**Have you recognized all that God has given you since you trusted in Christ?
Are you becoming more like _____ every day? Are you sharing the Gospel?**