



## Romans

His Purpose our confirmation, called-justified-glorified 8:29b-30

- Review
  - God is **constantly** working things for good
  - God is **sovereignly** in control of **all things**
    - What trial, period of suffering, tribulation or difficult situation have you gone through or are you going through?
    - Gen. 50:20, Ps 46:1-7, Romans 5:3-5 & 8:31 & 35, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, 1 Peter 1:6-7 & 5:10-11
  - What else could the “all things” be referring to?
    - All that God has done for us – salvation, redemption, assurance, positioned us in Him, loves us, comforts us, sanctified us, justified us, glorified us, forgiven us and etc.
  - What is the result of knowing and believing this truth?
    - Absolute rest and peace
  - According to God’s eternal purpose for believers there has been an effectual calling on their lives. God’s purpose for the believer is set and fixed.
  - God’s destiny for believers lives is to be conformed into the image of Christ and this is based on God knowing all things before hand.



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- Conformed to the image of His Son
  - conformed – συμμόρφους - **summorfo**us – adjective
    - Only other usage is Phil. 3:21
  - means having the same form as another, the form or image of Christ.
    - Conformed - brings across the idea of having the same form as another, bear the image of another
  - Other verses to consider – 2 Cor. 3:18, Col 3:10, 2 Peter 3:18
    - Transformed – brings across the idea of to change into another form (2 Cor. 3:18)
    - Conformed seems to point to, yet not exclusively, the final action while transformed, renewed, and grow point to the process
  - Image – likeness or form
  - God's purpose for our lives, which is based on his foreknowledge, is for us to have the same image, bear the image of Christ.
    - John 17:14-26
    - Is this something that will happen when we get to heaven?
    - Is this something that God desires to happen now in our lives?
    - Is it both?
  - What does it mean to be conformed/transformed into the image of Christ?
    - Is the old man being conformed or is the new man being conformed?
    - Are they both being conformed or are neither being conformed?
  - Neither are being conformed

The outward expression  
of the inward  
nature or essence



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Seated in the  
heavenlies with  
Christ

To be conformed/transformed to the image  
of Christ means to have our condition  
coming in line with our position

Position – called based on his purpose and  
foreknowledge, predestined, justified, glorified

In light of your position walk in  
your condition

Condition – Conformed/transformed to the image of Christ

- Is this a one time event or is this a process?
- Is this conforming/transforming process something which God does or we do?
- How does this conformity/transforming take place?
  - Phil. 2:13 – For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
  - Col. 2:6 – As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. – by believing in and resting in our position we are conformed/transformed
- What does knowing of God's purpose for your life bring to your life?



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- That He might be the first-born among many brethren
  - NAS translates He as God
  - KJV translates he as believers
    - First-born used in Matt. 1:25, Luke 2:7, Col. 1:15&18, Heb. 1:6 & 11:28 & 12:23, Rev. 1:5
    - Only in Heb. 11:28 does first-born not refer to Christ. It is referring to the angel of death passing over the house and not killing the first-born during the Egyptian plagues.
    - Seems best translated as He (Christ) is the first-born among many brethren.
  - What does first-born mean?
    - Christ is the first-born never to die again - gained victory over sin and death both physically and spiritually.
  - Christ is the first-born among many brethren (believers).
    - How does this relate to believers?
    - When believers are born again they will never again die spiritually?
  - Christ is the first-born among believers which are being progressively transformed into the image of Christ and who will also receive the final action of conformity into the image of which Christ is the first-born among many brethren.



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- And whom He predestined – verse 30
  - Same word used in verse 29
  - Means to preplan a destiny – to mark off beforehand
  - God's destiny for believers lives is not only to be conformed into the image of Christ; but to be called, justified and glorified and this is based on God knowing all things before hand.
  - Predestined, called, justified, glorified are all things which God really did in the past (all verbs, indicative, aorist, active)
- These he also called
  - called - ἐκάλεσεν- ekalesen – in the past God called those who he predestined (verb, indicative, aorist, active)
  - This called is different from verse 29 – called here is a more general call to invite or summon. Where in verse 29 it was a specific call to have an affect.
  - This calling is based on God's predestination what He has marked off beforehand.



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- Whom he called these he also justified
  - Justified – edikaioosen – ἐδικαίωσεν - the root of this word is the same as the Greek word which is translated righteous, righteousness justification, just, justifier
  - This is something which God really did in the past (verb, indicative, aorist, active)
  - Believers have already been justified
  - Justified – be declared righteous by God and to be viewed by Him as if one has never sinned
  - Vincent – “the act or process by which a man is brought into a right state as related to God”
- Whom he justified these He also glorified
  - Glorified – edoxasen – ἐδόξασεν – believers have already been glorified, God really did this in the past (verb, indicative, aorist, active)
  - Believers will ultimately be glorified when together with the Lord but God also desires us to be used by Him now to declare His glory, share His glory, reveal His glory that God would be glorified.
- Ultimately all things are working together for good so that God will be glorified.