

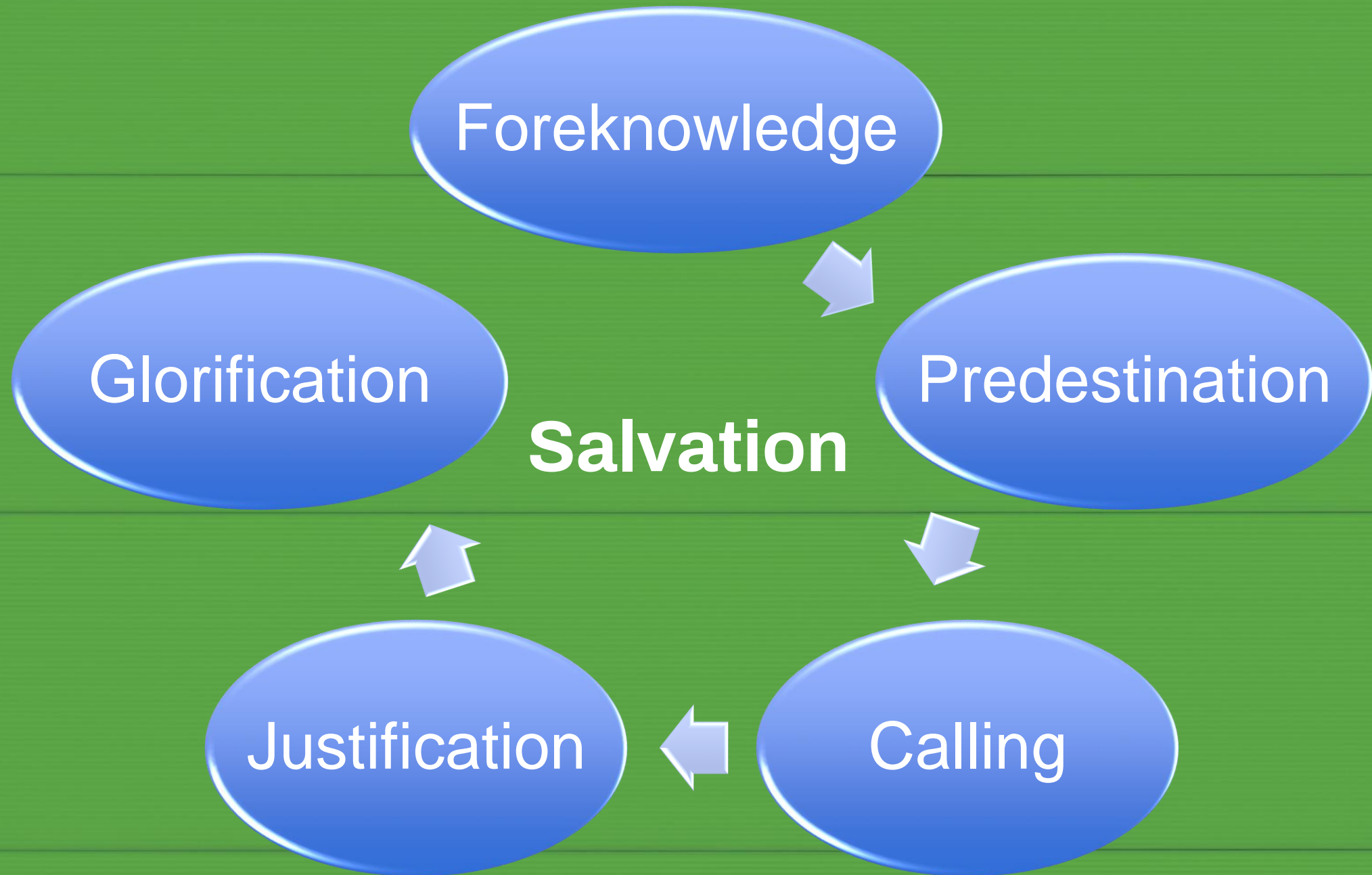
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who you are



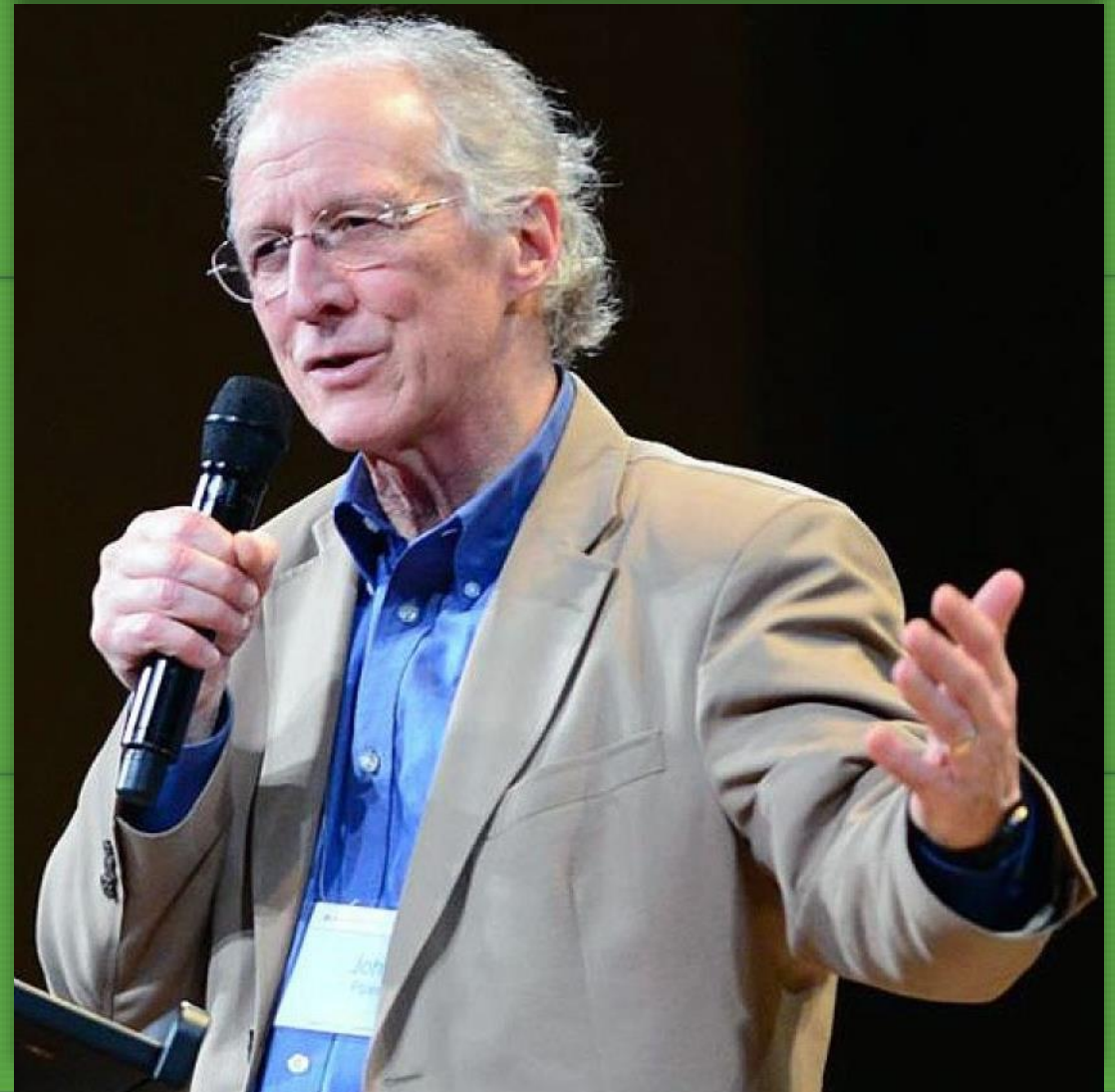
“Free From Discouragement”

(Part 3)

Romans 8:29-30



“The point of this golden
chain is this: no link breaks.
Nobody falls out.
Every foreknown one
becomes a predestined one.
Every predestined one
becomes a called one.



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Every called one
becomes a justified one.

Every justified one
becomes a glorified one.

Few things could be
clearer or more glorious.

Assurance! Confidence!

Stability! Courage!”



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⁶ And I am sure of this,
that He who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion
at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

Key Point:

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is saved,
and will be saved.*

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work (vs. 28)
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and what that means (vs. 29-30)
 - a. Foreknowing

What Is This Foreknowledge?

1. God foreknew who would believe in Him, and thus, chose (or predestined) them.

PRO – It is true that God foresees everything (Phil 1:29). God has exhaustive foreknowledge.

CON – Everything God does before the foundation of the world is because of something we did – not God. If no one is righteous (Rom 3:10-11), what could God possibly foresee in the heart of Man but unbelief?

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2. God foreknew us... intimately. He *foreknows* us.

PRO - The word *ginosko* means to have a deep understanding of someone, which communicates intimacy (Exod 2:25; Ps 1:6; Jer 1:4-5; Amos 3:2; Matt 7:23; I Cor 8:3).

PRO - Every time foreknowledge is mentioned, it is personal.

“Romans 8:29 means that God set his special or saving love upon a select group of people in order that his good purpose, namely, to create a people to be like his Son Jesus Christ, might be achieved.



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The Word “Predestine”

- a. Means “to mark out with boundaries” or “to determine from the start what an outcome will be.”
- b. In the N.T. (Acts 4; Rom 8; I Cor 2; Eph 1), but the implications of this doctrine are everywhere.
- c. God marked out a destiny for us.
- d. Refers to the truth that God determines certain things to occur ahead of time.
- e. Predestination emphasizes the “what” and “election” emphasizes the “who.”

Objections to Predestination

- a. “It isn’t fair for God to choose before time began.”
- b. “It seems arbitrary.”
- c. “It seems arrogant.”
- d. “It takes away man’s freedom.”
- e. “It will destroy the urgency for evangelism.”

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face,
beholding the glory of the Lord,
are being transformed into the same image
from one degree of glory to another.
For this comes from the Lord
who is the Spirit.

II Corinthians 3:18

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⁶ including you who are called
to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God
and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:6-7

⁹ God is faithful,
by whom you were called
into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 1:9

¹ I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to walk in a manner
worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,

Ephesians 4:1

¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

II Peter 1:10

“Putting the call into the context of Romans 8, it is the point at which the eternal foreknowledge and predestination of God pass over into time and state the process by which the individual is drawn from sin to faith in Jesus Christ, is justified through that faith, and is then kept in Christ until his or her final glorification.”



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¹⁰ as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

Romans 3:10

²¹ For our sake
He made Him to be sin
who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become
the righteousness of God.

II Corinthians 5:21

⁸ but God shows His love for us
in that
while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8-10

⁹ Since, therefore,
we have now been justified
by His blood,
much more shall we be saved by Him
from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:8-10

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies
we were reconciled to God
by the death of His Son,
much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by His life.

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Hints Regarding Glorification

- a. Our glorified bodies will be beautiful (Gen 1:31)
- b. Our glorified bodies will shine (Matt 13:43; Dan 12:3)
- c. Our bodies will be perfectly healthy (Rev 20:13-14)
- d. Our glorified bodies will be without sin
(Rom 6:23; Rev 21:4)
- e. Our glorified bodies will not lack their current
ethnicity (Rev 5:9; 7:9)

¹⁴ To this he called you
through our gospel,
so that you may obtain
the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II Thessalonians 2:14

“When God glorifies our bodies, he has to give us a glorious home to live in, and that glorious home is heaven. Heaven is a place of no pain, no death, no darkness, no sorrow, no crying.



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It is a place where you
will never find a mortuary
or cemetery, a place
where there will be no
hospitals or pharmacies,
a place where no tear will
ever fall and no doubt will
ever cloud the skies.



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It will be a place of
glorious reunion when
we meet with
the Lord Jesus Christ
and our loved ones
who have gone before.
Glorification means a
new home,
a new environment.”



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³ And everyone
who thus hopes in Him
purifies himself
as He is pure.

1 John 3:3

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