

JUSTIFICATION IS ASSURED BECAUSE OF WHAT GOD DOES. Rom 8:28-30

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INTRODUCTION

Paul's argument in 8:18-30: Future Glory is greater (18) — The creation suffers and waits expectantly (19-21) — Our knowledge of our Hope: 3 things about hope that we know (22-25) — Our Help from the Holy Spirit (26-27) — Our knowledge of what God is doing (28-30).

The structure of these verses — Verse 28 is the main point, with vv. 29 & 30 providing the explanation as to why v. 28 is true.

I. WHAT WE KNOW. 28

A. What We Know Is... all Things Work Together for Good.

1. This Is a Statement of What Is True.
2. This Is a Statement of Fact...Not an Explanation.
3. The Result of This Statement... Good.

B. Who This Is for.

1. People Who Love God.
2. People Who Are Called.

II. THE EXPLANATION OF THE PLAN. 29-30

A. This Plan Is for Those Whom God Foreknow — the Jews. 29a

1. Two Questions: a) Why Is This a Reference to the Jews? B) What About the Gentiles, Didn't God Foreknow Them?
2. "Foreknew" — To Know Something From Before.
 - a) *What It Is:* (1) It Is Knowing Something in the Present Time. (2) It Is Something That Was Known in the Past. (3) It Is Something That Looks Backward.
 - b) *What It Is Not:* (1) It Is no Omniscience. (2) It Is Not a Loving Relationship. (3) It Is Not Predestination. (4) It Is Not Election. (5) It Is Not Predictive.
3. This Is a Reference to the Jews Because...
 - a) First, It Is Not Simply Something That Is "Foreknew", but "**Whom** He Foreknew."
 - b) Second, the One Group of People That Is Spoken of Has Being Known by God in the Past Is the Jews. (Amos 3:2)
 - c) Third, Rom 11:1-2 Makes It Clear That This Is a Reference to the Jews.
4. So What About the Gentiles, Didn't God Foreknow Them?

B. What God Does for Those Who He Foreknew. 30

1. Predestined.
2. Called
3. Justified
4. Glorified.