

Cornerstone Bible Church

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Things to Remember About Glorification

(Romans 8:29-32)

Survey of Romans part 33

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Text: Romans 8:29-32

²⁸ 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.

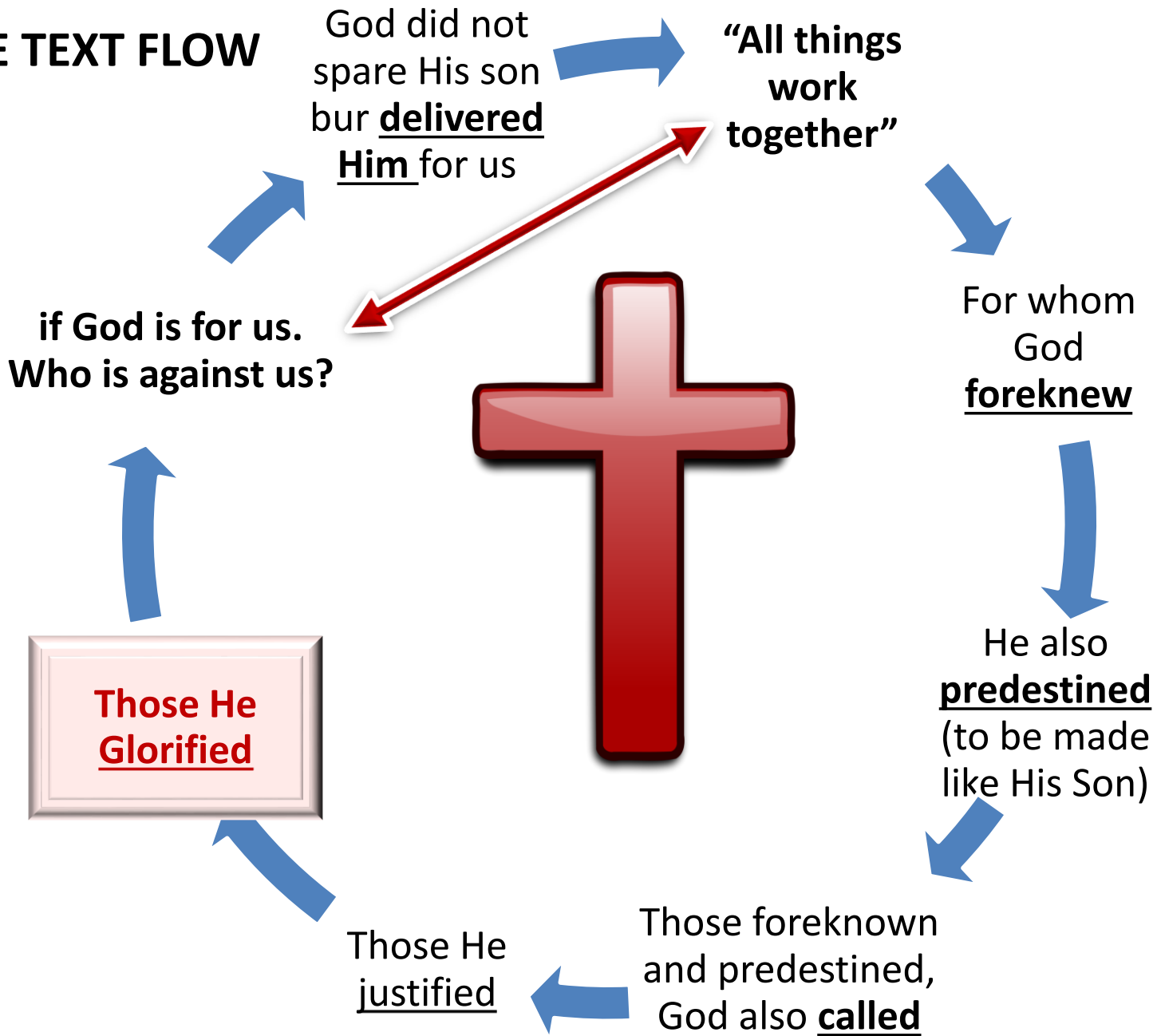
²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who is against us?**

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

I – THE TEXT FLOW



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Introduction:

I recently took a self-test to evaluate my retirement needs.

According to this, I need to save \$7,200 a month between now and when I turn 67, in order to “meet my financial needs” of \$14,146 a month, in addition to Social Security benefits.

This is another example of how our consumerist society has created this illusion of retirement, as a supposed heaven of bliss that we will reach when we turn 67.

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Introduction:

In retirement, we will be finally released from this bondage of gainful employment, productivity and usefulness, to the glorious liberty of **watching TV** all day, **playing golf** once a week and **fishing** once a month.



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Introduction: the rich fool

Luke 12:18 "And he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

¹⁹ 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰ "**But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'**

²¹ "So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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Introduction:

Our text in Romans reminds us of an amazing truth. **We have been already GLORIFIED!**

How can that be, if we are still here?

In God's eyes, this is so certain, that it is as if it already happened.

Paul spoke this way also in Ephesians 2:4-7

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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I - What is Glorification?

- The final removal of sin
- The last stage of sanctification
- The ultimate and complete conformity of a believer into the image of Christ
- The final transformation of soul and body into a state of absence from sin and consummated glory

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I - What is Glorification?

- Glorification is the last and glorious stage of the ORDO SALUTIS

Unconditional Election
Effectual Calling
Regeneration
Faith
Justification
Sanctification
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II – A Swift Pass through some related passages.

Job 19:25 "And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth. ²⁶"**Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God; ²⁷Whom I myself shall behold, And whom my eyes shall see and not another..."**

Psalm 16:11 "You will make known to me the path of life; **In your presence is fulness of joy; In your right hand there are pleasures forever."**

Psalm 17:15 "As for me, **I shall behold your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with your likeness when I awake."**

Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, And **I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."**

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II – A Swift Pass at Biblical Information.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 “then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.”

Daniel 12:2-3 "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground **will awake, these to everlasting life**, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. 3 "And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Matthew 13:43 "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father.”

Matthew 25:21 & 23 “...enter into **the joy of your Master.**”

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II – A Swift Pass at Biblical Information.

John 14:1-3 “In my Father’s house, there are many dwelling places, and I go to prepare **a place for you.**”

Philippians 1:23 “having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better.”

2 Corinthians 5:1 “For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

1 Peter 1: 3-4 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **⁴to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.**”

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II – A Swift Pass at Biblical Information.

2 Peter 3:13 "But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."

1 John 3:2 "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is."

Jude 24 "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory **blameless** with **great joy.**"

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II – A Swift Pass at Biblical Information.

Revelation 21:1-5 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away ... ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them**

⁴ and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any **death**; there shall no longer be any **mourning**, or **crying**, or **pain**; **the first things have passed away.** “

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "**Behold, I am making all things new.**" And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true.“

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III – Things to remember about Glorification

1. It is an eternally immutable state

- But it does not mean we will stop growing.
- We will never exhaust knowing about an infinite God. Jeremiah 9:23-24

2. It is a spiritually condition of unmixed bliss

- Revelation 21:4 “no more pain, tears, clamor or crying...”
- Psalm 16:2 “pleasures forever more”
- The dimension of these pleasures which are both spiritual, emotional and physical are beyond imagination.

3. It will enable full communion with God in Christ

- We will live by sight, not by faith 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- No Temple, because the Lamb is the Temple. Revelation 21:22
- No sun or moon, the Lamb is the lamp Revelation 21:23, 22:5

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III - What do we need to remember about Glorification?

4. It will avail us to the full use of our abilities ...

- ...for which we were created to reflect the Image of God, as humans.

5. It will display the Glory of God in yet unimaginable and indescribable terms.

- Creation released to the glorious liberty of the children of God
- The righteous will shine as the stars of heaven in the firmament.
- God will be accessible and visible in the face of Christ.

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- What are we supposed to do with that information?
- God didn't just reveal these things in a vacuum.
- **Biblical Eschatology has ethical implications.**

1 John 3:3 And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

2 Peter 3:13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord."

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- **Biblical Eschatology has ethical implications.**
 1. It gives sense to this otherwise meaningless existence.
 2. It breeds hope in future Glory.
 3. It points to the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge.
- It constrains us: “if one died for all, therefore all died, so that those who live, no longer live for themselves...” 2 Corinthians 5:15
- It marvels us: Jesus being Himself rich made Himself to be poor that we might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9
- It comforts us: Jesus said to Martha “I am the resurrection and the life, and everyone who lives and believes in Me, will not perish forever.” John 11:25-26
- It reminds us: that Jesus IS the real GLORY of being glorified.

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There is no light of the sun or the moon in that state, because Jesus shines in it. There is no Temple in that state, because Jesus is there.

As Ted Donnelly has written:

“Heaven is Jesus.”

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Questions?