

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 8:28-30

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### “WE ARE ON OUR WAY” – PART 7

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Adoption, Redemption, Justification, Sanctification, Children of God, Indwelling.

### Romans 8:26-30

**26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

Getting back to the book of Romans where we have just come off the heels of being very much encouraged by the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Christian.

## PREVIOUSLY - WE ARE ON OUR WAY

1.) The Heartbeat of Heaven

vs. 23

2.) The Hope of Heaven

vs. 24-25

3.) The Help of Heaven

vs. 26-27

# WE ARE ON OUR WAY

4.) The Hosts of Heaven

vs. 28-30

4a.) Heaven is working for us

vs. 28

## Romans 8:28

**And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**

### Know

grk: ei'do

Issues of the past tense, issues that are now. Issues that shall come to be – the things we have seen, seeing now and will be seen. be a witness to, to be able to testify of having knowledge of being a witness – a participant in the experience.

*This verse and the word “**know**” makes a great assumption that the reader has **encountered** the Living God.*

We've learned that this is (knowledge) - this knowing, is not a cerebral knowledge, it's not a theoretical knowledge, it's not a philosophical knowledge, but it is a (knowledge) that is an experiential knowledge.

It's the knowledge of knowing God on a personal level. a perpetual, intimate & continuous intercourse of the Mind of God to the mind of man.

It's the type of knowledge that can only be learned by what you know to be true which translates into an active union with what you experience as a Christ follower.

An experience doesn't make something true.  
But biblical truth experienced - is called Christianity.

The fellowship of the Holy Spirit is a wonderfully real thing, known and enjoyed by those who live and walk in Him.

Dr. Harry A. Ironside

Lectures in Romans. Moody Bible Institute of Chicago Ill., July 30, 1927

## Romans 8:28a

**all things work together for good**

### Together

grk: sun'er'ge'o

working together toward the center. to start from the outer limits and to move continually inward toward the center (epicenter) or the point of planned contact. (i.e. a divine rendezvous.)

The Image here is one of Fertilization or Impregnation

We also get the word {Synergy} or {Centrality} from this sun' er' ge'o - meaning that "the individual parts are moving parts, coming to a point of convergence - when the "pieces" come together to make the whole (i.e. a puzzle) - - when that happens, the conclusion or the sum of all things make up one perfect conclusion - your spiritual maturity.

Verse 28

**to those who love God,**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifier or Prerequisite  
to the blessing "all things working together for good..."**

**Love**

grk: agapao or agape

to (1) love another or others with a Christlike (Jesus Style) manner of love. (2) to allow yourself to be loved by others with a Christlike manner of love

**This love is the most talked about of the 4 biblical types of love.**

Found in the Greek language – { storge / eros / phillia / agape }

**agape** = It is the highest, most honored, complete display of affection. It is a selfless, sacrificial love that desires to see others being well and doing well. It is an other-centered love.

Verse 28

**to those who are the called according to His purpose.**

The "Called" are all those who are within the body of Christ  
(and all those who shall be)  
In the family of God for all eternity!

**Called**

grk: kletos

to be welcomed into, to be invited, to be chosen, to be ordained – commissioned, to be on the list. (being born (again) a second time into the family of God)

**Galatians 1:15**

**But when it (preexisting plan) pleased God, who separated me (preexisting plan) from my mother's womb and called me (preexisting plan) through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son (preexisting plan) in me,**

**IN OUR UNITED STATES MILITARY.**

It is a great honor to receive your commissioning or orders to "ship-out" and once you are, you're on deployment.

## Here's God's example of what a **DEPLOYMENT** looks like

### Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then the word of the LORD (YHWH) came to me, saying: **5** "Before (*preexisting plan*) I formed you in the womb I knew you (*preexisting plan*) Before you were born (*preexisting plan*) I sanctified you; I ordained you (*preexisting plan*) a prophet to the nations."

**Purpose** grk: pro'the'sis  
the setting forth of - or a resolute plan charted in advance {**pro** = ahead of and **thesis** = organized plan, an active presupposition}.

Here's another God example of what a **DEPLOYMENT** looks like

### Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand (*preexisting plan*) that we should (presently) walk in them.

**Good** grk: a'ga'thos  
Generous, kindly, only that which is a good thing.  
*meaning* - both for now and at the conclusion or outcome of the "all things".

The Exact Same Reality that was Working in Noah, Job, Joseph, David, Peter, Luther, Whitefield, Charles Spurgeon, Samuel Adams, Billy Graham, Chuck Smith, Dr. Ed Hindson, Charles Stanley, Chuck Swindoll, Dr. David Jeremiah, Me and You....

### 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: **22** whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come - - all are yours. **23** And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

### 2 Corinthians 4:14-15a

Knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. **15** For all things *are* for your sakes,

### Ephesians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should (presently) be holy and without blame before Him in love, **5** having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Our lives are not the haphazard results of the moving of blind chance nor the throwing down of cosmic dice. All that comes to pass in our lives is according to the perfect eternal plan of the All Wise, all Powerful and all Loving Father. The fact that a man has been chosen according to God's eternal purpose, immediately surrounds him with the protective care of the Holy Spirit. Nothing can touch the man unless it has passed through the approved process of the will of God. "No situation that comes to you can overpower you in Christ.

Dr. Donald Gray Barnhouse

And Dr. Barnhouse is not alone in that statement...

**Isaiah 54:17**

**No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.**

## A LIGHTNING ROUND OF HOPE

**1 John 5:11-13**

**And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.**

**John 1:12**

**But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.**

**2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV**

**For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

**Hebrews 10:22**

**Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

**2 Timothy 1:12b**

**For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.**

Isaiah 45:22

“Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

## WE ARE ON OUR WAY THE HOST OF HEAVEN

4b.) Heaven is increasing in us

vs. 29

**For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

“Those who are **The Called of God** -

are those who are experiencing **5** all inclusive, supernatural effects at work in you – call them the **Birthmarks of the Christian life**.

These are **5** divinely engineered **links** that bond the believer to Christ for all time and eternity. Each **link** was forged by God in heaven, and not one of them can be broken!

**Psalm 119:89**

Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

**Psalm 138:2c**

For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

**It's comforting to know that not one of these realities can be separated from the other. You cannot have two out of the five, nor can you have four out of five. Every believer who trusts the Lord Jesus Christ has received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who has guaranteed, His absolute and total fulfillment of these five great experiential truths in the believer's life.**

**29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

**Foreknew** grk: pro-gi-nos-ko  
a sole attribute of God. to have eternally known beforehand,  
to have eternally known previously.

“It is not that God knows things before they happen – He absolutely does know things before they happen – that is a given. This is much greater than that. This means that based on what He has always known – those things happen.

For the believer it (all that accompanies salvation) happens this way. God throws out His net into the sea. His fish, known to Him - will swim into His net and He will hoist them up into His care.”

I make the move toward God  
because in eternity - He made the move toward me.

**Jeremiah 31:3**

The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

**Jeremiah 1:4-5**

**Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 “Before (*preexisting plan*) I formed you in the womb I knew you (*preexisting plan*) Before you were born (*preexisting plan*) I sanctified you; I ordained you (*preexisting plan*) a prophet to the nations.”**

**Predestined**

grk: pro-o-riz-o

to be ahead of, eternally beforehand, to have foreordained in eternity past / now.

Divine Appointments – Every Single Day

**John 1:43-51**

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” **46** And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” **47** Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” **48** Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” **49** Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” **50** Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” **51** And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

**Ephesians 2:4-7**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, **7** that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

All these powers are at work so to conform you into the man or woman who follows Jesus Christ.

**WE ARE ON OUR WAY  
THE HOST OF HEAVEN**

4c.) Heaven is calling to us

vs. 30

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

**Justified** grk: di-ka-i-oo  
to reveal or to show to be righteous, to declare righteous, to announce the acquittal or vindication.

**Glorified** grk: dox-a-zo  
to render, record, document or esteem that which was not glorious but now is glorious by appointment - a glorification that has been eternally waiting to be received by the one who will experience the glorification.

**2 Corinthians 4:17**

**For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,**

*End of Study*

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