

THE GOLDEN CHAIN

ROMANS 8:28-30

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The certainty of our salvation in verses 28-30 is described by Kent Hughes and other commentators as “The Golden Chain.” R. Kent Hughes, Romans: Righteousness from Heaven, p.168.

YOU WERE PLANNED before creation, for God **foreknew** you. You were **predestined** as God looked down through eternity and singled you out to receive His special love and to be made like Christ. (**Romans 8:29, I Peter 1:2, Ephesians 1:4, 5, 11, fn 1:4, fn 1:5**) *How is God's foreknowledge and your predestination helpful in trusting God for eternal security?*

YOU WERE CALLED. You could not resist Jesus' invitation to you—anchored in repentance and faith, personally delivered by an obedient saint, and joining you to Christ with unbreakable bonds. (**Romans 8:28, II Thessalonians 2:13, 14, fn 2:13, fn 2:14, Romans 1:5-7, fn 1:6, 7, Ephesians 2:8, 9, Acts 2:38, 39, fn 2:38, 39**) *Why is repentance and faith important in your calling?*

YOU WERE JUSTIFIED. When you were mired in hopeless sin and a guilt-stained life, Jesus took your punishment; and because of your God-given faith, God declared you not guilty (justified) and gave you Christ's righteousness. (**Romans 8:30, Romans 3:28, fn 3:28, Romans 4:5, fn 4:5, Romans 4:21-5:2, fn 4:25, I Corinthians 6:11, fn 6:11, II Corinthians 5:21, fn 5:21**) *How are you like Abraham in three ways?*

YOU ARE GLORIFIED. The “Golden Chain” will not be broken! For 100% of those God foreknew, He predestined. For 100% of those He predestined, He called. For 100% of those He called, He justified. For 100% of those He justified, He glorified. You are glorified and **will be glorified** to be like Jesus. (**Romans 8:30, I Corinthians 13:12, fn 13:12, John 6:38-40, fn 6:39, I John 3:2, 3, fn 3:2, 3**) *Name the links of the “Golden Chain.”*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.