

Romans 8:29-30
Predestined to be like Jesus!

See also Ephesians 1:4-5; & Ephesians 3:11; Then Romans 9:11; 14-25, 2Peter 1:10

Note: There are three ways of looking @ God's Will for the Human Race:

1. God's Intentional Will= His perfect plan of goodness toward all men.
2. God's Circumstantial Will= His permissive will based on human free will.
3. God's Ultimate Will=His Final Purposes fulfilled. *"Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."*

See the subject of Predestination as a Triangle that the apostle Paul builds in Romans 8:26-30

God's Purpose

God's Pre- determination

God's Providence

I. God's Purpose

Romans 8: 28, *"who are called according to His PURPOSE"*

Note: Predestination is not about lost humanity, rather it's about believers. There is not one word in the Bible about God pre planning for anyone to be damned. See 1st Tim. 2:4 & II Pet. 3:9, & John 3:16-18

Note: God calls every person who ever lived. His only "will" is that they be saved & in fellowship with Him. **Jere. 29:11** God's call feels like man's free will. Men think that they "chose" God when really He is calling them. Gates of Heaven=" Whosoever will may come!" On the inside, "Elected, Chosen"

II. God's Predestination=is God's determination to carry out His Intentional will To Make Us Like Jesus!

See vs. 29, *"These He set His heart beforehand, He marked off as His own to be made like His Son"* (William's Translation)

Where does God's foreknowledge come into this picture??

FOREKNOWLEDGE= is not God's predestination. They are separate issues.

What God knows and what "causes" are not the same.

God's Predestination is for those He foreknows will accept His calling. It will always be accomplished, because His determination is behind it. **HE WILL MAKE HIS PREDESTINED ONES TO BECOME LIKE JESUS! NOTHING CAN EVER STOP HIM FROM ACCOMPLISHING THIS PURPOSE!**

III. God's Providence= is His determined activity in Human affairs to fulfill His Perfect Will.

Vs. 31= *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

Providence = Is God's provision, God provides for those he knew before hand would accept His call (purpose). He is daily active in our lives providing means whereby we can become like Jesus> He is "working everything for our good"

Illustration: A scheduled Airplane from Dallas DFW to New York JFK airports.

Point: when you use your ticket, by faith you get on board, then all that was planned (predestined) for that airplane is now true of you!

Note: One final thought. God has put one limitation upon Himself (His Love). He will not violate human Free- Will. He needs us to freely choose to love Him in return