

“GOD’S PURPOSES FOR US”

Romans 8:28-30

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I am not an inventor, that is, I have never invented anything but I can well understand that every inventor has a purpose for his invention. Whatever he designs and puts on the market he expects it to function in a certain way. If the user follows the instructions he will get the results as the inventor expected. So everything has a certain purpose to accomplish and the inventor of that particular product makes sure that it will do what he expects it to do.

Well we know God is the creator, our creator and He has designed purposes for us. If we follow His instructions we will get the results He has planned. God wants to help us to achieve the results that He has purposed for us. It inspires me to think of GOD’S PURPOSES FOR US. He wants us to fulfill those purposes.

This blessed thought comes from Romans 8:28-30, three great verses.

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

29. *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

30. *Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

I hope to inspire your spirit by guiding your meditation on three PURPOSES God has for us.

GOD PURPOSES TO HAVE US INFORMED. Notice how verse 28 begins: “And we know”. Be assured it is God’s purpose that we shall know. He does not want us to live in ignorance. He does not hold back from us the things He wants us really to know. He wants us to be informed. He wants us to know what He purposes for us and that’s one purpose He has. He wants us to know “that all things work together for good to them that love God.” The door to knowing is opened by love.

The Bible also tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Oh, yes! People run around and try to learn but they can’t learn because they don’t have the proper connections. They should, first of all, establish the proper connections with God because God purposes to have us informed.

And then we are called. This Scripture says, “to them who are the called according to his purpose.: Being called is also the basis of knowing. God wants us to be informed so He has called us according to His purpose.

Now friend, since God is all-knowing and He created us in His image, He purposes that we shall be informed about our experiences in life. He desire us not to be ignorant. God purposes, I say, to have us informed.

GOD PURPOSES TO HAVE US CONFORMED. To verse 28 we must join verse 29: “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” Look at that word “foreknow”, “whom he did foreknow.” God has foreknowledge. We must really concentrate to understand that. God knows everything. He knows all

things actual, that is, what happened, and all the possibilities of things that might happen. God has complete and total knowledge. So whom He did foreknow and He foreknew you and me before we were.

He also did predestinate. Now that means to mark out before hand. What did He mark out before hand? He marked out that we who are believers should be conformed to the image of His Son. He determined in the eternal counsels of heaven just how we were to be conformed, molded, and to whom we were to be conformed. He planned that we should be like Jesus. The word conformed means to be like.

Whom He foreknew He predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son. You see? It is a wonderful thought when you understand that the word “conformed” really means to be like Jesus. And He is the first born, the Apostle says. So we are second born. We come in after He comes in but because He is the first born then we are to be like Him.

Now friend, God created us in His image. He purposes that we shall be conformed to the image of His Son. What a tremendous thought that is. What a tremendous purpose that is. God wants to shape us, God wants to conform us to be like Jesus. Yes, Amen!

GOD PURPOSES TO HAVE US TRANSFORMED. Go on to verse 30: “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” God purposes to have us transformed by His call to us.

Now the Apostle Paul in another place said that God doesn’t call many mighty, not many noble, but He calls us. It is the high and mighty in the world that think themselves self-sufficient. They think they don’t need God. We know we need God and we listen to His call. He has called us so that we shall come into His fellowship.

When He calls us then He prepares to justify us, that is, He makes us righteous in Jesus Christ. By our faith in Jesus Christ we are constituted righteous. He takes away our unrighteousness which the Prophet Isaiah says is like filthy rags. And He purposes to have us transformed by His glory because those whom He justified them He also glorified. That is the final goal of transformation. Since God created us in His image He purposes that we shall be transformed into glory. The Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians said we are changed from glory to glory. Yes, Amen!

It is wonderful that God has three great purposes for us. He wants us to be informed, we should know. He wants us to be conformed, made like Jesus. And He wants us to be transformed, changed from glory to glory. These purposes will be realized only as we yield to Him.