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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Predestination?

Romans 8:28–29



Rom. 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.

Rom. 8:29, “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.”

2 Pet. 3:17, “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;”

Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;”

βουλή *boulé*; “will, purpose, intent, aim,” based on deliberation and reflection.

1 Peter 1:1–2

“Peter, apostle of Jesus Christ to [the] elect residents of the diaspora of Pontus, Kappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to foreknowledge of God the Father by the sanctification of the spirit for the purpose of obedience and sprinkling of blood of Jesus Christ.”

1 Pet. 1:18, “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1 Pet. 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot

1 Pet. 1:20, “He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”

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**Omniscience—
God knows all
the knowable**

**Foreknowledge—
God knows in advance
what will happen**

Thomas Edgar –

“Thus, God knows everything that will happen if He causes it, if He causes only some of it, or if He merely allows it to happen. Since He is omniscient, He knows what will happen even if He allows the universe to be completely random. He knows what will happen regardless of the cause. Whether man can philosophically explain how this works is irrelevant, since man has no ability to explain something only God possesses and about which man knows nothing apart from Scripture.”

1 Sam. 23:10, “Then David said, ‘O LORD God of Israel, Your servant has certainly heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to destroy the city for my sake.

1 Sam. 23:11, “ ‘Will the men of Keilah deliver me into his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I pray, tell Your servant.’ And the LORD said, ‘He will come down.’

1 Sam. 23:12, “Then David said, ‘Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul?’ And the LORD said, ‘They will deliver you.’

1 Sam. 23:13, “So David and his men, about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah and went wherever they could go. Then it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah; so he halted the expedition.”

2 Kings 13:19, “And the man of God was angry with him, and said, ‘You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times.’ ”

Isa. 48:18, “Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.”

Jer. 38:17, “Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: “If you surely surrender to the king of Babylon’s princes, then your soul shall live; this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live.

Jer. 38:18, “ ‘ “But if you do not surrender to the king of Babylon’s princes, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans; they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.’ ”

Jer. 38:19, “And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, ‘I am afraid of the Jews who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they abuse me.’

Jer. 38:20, “But Jeremiah said, ‘They shall not deliver you. Please, obey the voice of the LORD which I speak to you. So it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live.’ ”

Matt. 11:21, “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”

Matt. 11:23, “And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”

Predestination

“designating only the counsel of God concerning fallen men, including the sovereign election of some and the most righteous reprobation of the rest” (A. A. Hodge)

Predestination

Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 3, paragraph 3

- 3. By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels (1 Tim. 5:21, Matt. 25:41) are predestinated unto everlasting life; and others foreordained to everlasting death. (Rom. 9:22–23, Eph. 1:5–6, Prov. 16:4)**

Predestination

Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 3, paragraph 3

- 5. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, hath chosen, in Christ, unto everlasting glory, (Eph. 1:4, 9, 11; Rom. 8:30; 2 Tim. 1:9; 1 Thess. 5:9) out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith, or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereunto: (Rom. 9:11, 13, 16; Eph. 1:4, 9) and all to the praise of His glorious grace. (Eph. 1:6, 12)**

Dictionary of Theological Terms:

Thus reprobation has two parts to it: (a) Preterition, or the passing over of some in the decree of election. This is the sovereign prerogative of God. As Calvin long ago pointed out, God owes no man anything, and no man can justly argue against the righteousness of God in passing him by in election, so leaving him to his own sinful self-determination. (b) Condemnation is the act of the sovereign judge. It is passed upon sinners. No man will be damned except for sin.

Predestination. The sovereign determination and foreknowledge of God. Some theologians connect divine predestination with the central events of salvation history, especially the death of Jesus as foreordained by God. In Calvinist theology the doctrine of predestination more specifically holds that God has from all eternity chosen specific people to bring into eternal communion with himself. Some Calvinists add that God has also predestined (or ordained) the rest of humankind for damnation.

~Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms

προορίζω decide upon beforehand, predetermine, of God (Iren. 2, 33, 5 [Harv. I 380, 5]) **τινά** someone Rom. 8:30. Foll. by acc. w. inf. Acts. 4:28. 1 Cor. 2:7; **τινά** someone Eph 1:5. **τινά τι** someone as something, to be something Rom. 8:29. Eph. 1:11 (12).—

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ὀρίζω (ὄρος)

① from the basic meaning, ‘to separate entities and so establish a boundary’, derives the sense ‘to define ideas or concepts’: set limits to, define, explain (X. et al. [as Ath. 6, 1] in act. and mid.) περί τινος give an explanation concerning something 12:1. τὸ ὕδωρ καὶ τὸν σταυρὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ὥρισεν he defined the water and the cross together (i.e., in the section on the tree by the streams of water Psa. 1:3) 11:8. Sim.

② to make a determination about an entity, determine, appoint, fix, set

προορίζω *proorizo*,

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to decide a destination or destiny beforehand.

**Rom. 8:29, “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.”**

Eph. 1:5, “having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,”

Eph. 1:11, “In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,”

Acts 4:28, “to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.”

1 Cor. 2:7, “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,”

Luke 22:22, “And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”

Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;”

Acts 10:42, “And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.”

Acts 11:29, “Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea.”

Acts 17:31, “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Rom. 1:4, “and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’

Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

**Heb. 2:6, “But one testified in a certain place, saying:
‘What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of
man that You take care of him?’**

**Heb. 2:7, “ ‘You have made him a little lower than the
angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor,
and set him over the works of Your hands.**

**Heb. 2:8, “ ‘You have put all things in subjection under
his feet.’ For in that He put all in subjection under him,
He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we
do not yet see all things put under him.”**

Heb. 2:9, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Heb. 2:10, “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”