

The Incomparable Worth of Future Glory:  
How Devoted is God to Our Future Glory?  
Romans 8:29-30

**Romans 8:29-30 (ESV)** <sup>29</sup> *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.* <sup>30</sup> *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

## I. Two Questions

### A. Last week:

1. What is future glory?
2. Answer: Future glory is that God-prescribed, God-actuated condition of perfection in which the entire perfected human self (heart, mind, spirit, will, and body) is perfectly, fully, eternally SATISFIED in every perfected desire and delight in the full and eternal perfections of God forever.

### B. Today:

1. How devoted is God to our future glory?
2. How committed is God to this outcome?
3. What chance does any human being have to gain future glory?
4. What has God done to ensure that His people attain future glory?

## II. First Things First: Glory and Humility

### A. The Priority of Glory and the Necessity of Humility

1. As with all things, God's primary motive for our future glory is to express and honor the worthiness of His own personal glory.
  - a. **Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV)** *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*
  - b. **Isaiah 48:11 (ESV)** *For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.*
  - c. We realize God's pursuit of His own glory advances in His pursuit of sinful and lost people whom He loves.
    - (1) God's love for us is real, genuine, authentic, free, unconditional, adequate and immeasurable.
      - (a) God loves us first and foremost for the sake of His glory as an expression of His glory.
      - (b) God saves us redeems us, justifies us, sanctifies us, delivers us, supplies and carries us through all the moments of our lives, in love, for the sake of His glory - to express to all creation the true nature of His heart.
      - (c) God loves you.
        - i) God loves you because of who He is, with all His perfections, not because of who you are with all your imperfections.

- (2) Calvin - *We never truly glory in Him until we have utterly discarded our own glory . . . The elect are justified by the Lord, in order that they may glory in Him, and in none else.*
2. It is to God's glory that He saves us for His glory
- a. Embracing the joy and wonder of this truth takes both faith AND humility.
  - b. We want to say, to our own glory,
    - (1) God should save us. God should love us.
    - (2) Our existence demands His love
      - (a) But the truth is exactly the opposite
      - (b) It is not that our existence demands God's love but that God's existence demands our love.
        - i) Faith believes this.
        - ii) Humility receives this.

**B. Before I can explain how God demonstrated His devotion to our future glory, I have to be certain you understand and can appreciate the underlying motive for all God does in creation**

1. God does all that He does in time and creation because of the worthiness of His personal glory
2. God devotes Himself to your future glory for the sake of His personal glory.
3. That is the best news ever: God's devotion will be
  - a. Perfect
  - b. Triumphant (Successful)
  - c. Unwavering
  - d. Right
  - e. Absolutely certain
4. "For the sake of my glory" - God honors the innate worthiness of His own being to be worshiped by all that exists.
5. **God's devotion to His own glory assures us of His devotion to our future glory.**

**III. How Devoted is God to Our Future Glory?**

**A. Six Verbs**

1. He foreknew
  - a. Key - "when"
  - b. In the depths of eternity before time and creation
  - c. God fully knew, realized, accepted His own mind, heart, and will towards His people
2. He predestined
  - a. God decided/ordained
  - b. God made a decision to act and gain an outcome fully conformed to His own heart, mind, and will.
    - (1) God did not simply make a choice to set something in motion and see what happens.
    - (2) God did not make a decision to create you and wait and see

- what you would do.
- (3) God made a decision of His own long, long before you ever came to be to bring you by His own power to future glory through faith in Christ and all for His glory.
3. He called
- a. God authoritatively, actively, sovereignly enacted His will in the loves of the people of His choosing.
  - b. Just as God inscribed the Law for His people on tablets of stone, God has inscribed His will for His chosen people on the tablets of time.
  - c. God has uttered His royal decree for our salvation
    - (1) Rescued
    - (2) Reconciled
    - (3) Delivered to future glory for His glory and our joy
4. He justified
- a. God dealt conclusively in Christ with the impediment sin and guilt present to our future glory
  - b. God send Jesus in our place on our behalf as our representative
    - (1) Christ lived our life of faith and love and obedience
    - (2) Christ died our death for sin and guilt
      - (a) He bore our sins in his body
      - (b) He removed the wrath of God
    - (3) Through faith in Christ we find forgiveness with God and eternal life
    - (4) God counts us worthy of future glory because of Christ!
5. He glorified
- a. Future glory is a done deal for those who put their faith in Christ.
    - (1) Sins forgiven
    - (2) Spirit sent
    - (3) Life = preparation for future glory
  - b. ***It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.***
6. He solidified
- a. We cannot lose the claim on future glory that God has devoted Himself to.
    - (1) ***All the promises of God are “yes” and “Amen” in Christ***
    - (2) The calling of God is irrevocable
  - b. Romans 8:31-39 “Will God really come through with future glory?”

#### IV. Conclusion:

**A. Surrender to God who is fully devoted to bringing you to future glory!**

**B. Follow through**

1. Put your faith in Christ
2. Yield to the Spirit
3. Run the race