

"Finding The Freedom To Live" "Not Just Survive" Part 15

Series Title

"Promises For Us"

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P 30: I will make things *work* together if you love Me
Rom 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

A Spectacularly Wonderful Promise

1. The *start* of this promise - We can *know*.
2. The *scope* of this promise is *enormous*.
3. The *heart & soul* of this promise.
4. The people *impacted* by this promise & why.
 - (1) There's a *prerequisite* to this good God does.
 - (2) Love *towards* God is the great *goal* of life.
 - (3) How do we *love* God in the way He *wants*?
 - (4) God *calls* us into a *relationship* with Him.

Rom 8:28 . . . who have been called . . .

Being called means:

1. Being *chosen* by God for something.
 - Where God is the *initiator*.
 - Where we're being *invited* or *summoned*.
 - A *divine* invitation into a *relationship* W/Jesus.
 - We are personally *selected* by God.
2. The father *draws* us to Himself.
John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, . . .
3. Paul tells us God *saves & calls* us.
2 Tim 1:9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. . .

Why we are called:

. . . who have been called according to his purpose.

1. This call *starts* in God's *sovereignty*.
Eph 1:11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

2. This call is not about *human* effort.

Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

3. Lasting salvation _____ on/in Him.

Eph 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

What understanding this truth does for us:

1. We can have _____ in God's _____.
Eph 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2. We can have _____ while trying to _____ others.
Acts 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. 47 For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" 48 When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. 49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. Heb 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. We can have complete _____ in our _____.
2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.