Today's Theme

"Finding The Freedom To Live" "Not Just Survive" Part 16

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.
- 2. The father draws us to Himself.
- 3. Paul tells us God saves & calls us.

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 *rests* **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 *Plan*. 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. Facts To Lock In About Salvation 1. Salvation is work - Not work. John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. **2. Eternal life is a** _____ **not a** ____. John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

3. Salvation brings an _____ to condemnation. Romans 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

4. We can never be from Jesus.

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? . . . 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.