

Sermon: God's Care of the Called
Scripture: Romans 8:18-30 (text v. 29)

Introduction

- theme of Romans 8
- “for”, v. 29

- I. In those He foreknew, v. 29a
I Pet. 1:1; Rom. 11:2
 - A. know as knowledge beforehand
II Tim 1:9; Acts 13:48; Rom. 9:11; John 6:44
 - B. know as special love, favor, interest
Jer. 1:5; Mt. 7:22, 23; I Cor. 8:3; Gal. 4:9; I Jn. 3:1; Eph. 1:3-6

- II. In their being predestined to the image of Christ – v. 29b
Acts 4:28; Eph. 1:4, 5, 10, 11
 - A. Future glory – Phil 3:20, 21; I Jn 3:2
 - B. Present reality – Col. 3:9, 10; II Pet. 2:10, 11

- III. In their being Christ's brethren with Christ exalted among them. v. 29c
Heb. 2:11

We Serve a Dissatisfied Redeemer

“As I trust you've noticed, the ongoing dissatisfaction of our Redeemer is a theme of this whole book. This God whom we serve will not quit, will not rest, will not relent until sin has finally been defeated and we are living in peace, righteousness, and justice forever. The ultimate completion of this must await the Lord's return, but in the meantime there is real work being done and real progress being made, as every life and every situation in creation is moving in the direction of Christ's final victory. God is committed to producing in every one of his children on earth greater peace, greater love, greater justice, greater deliverance from temptation, and greater freedom from sin. I'll say it again: he will not rest until every microbe of sin has been eradicated from every cell of the hearts of every one of his children.”

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