

PREDESTINATION and FREE WILL – Pt. 2: CALLED, CHOSEN, JUSTIFIED, GLORIFIED

The next passage is Jesus talking with the Father and He is referring to Himself in the 3rd person:

John 17:2 - As You hast given Him (Christ) power over all flesh (over all people), that He (Jesus) should give eternal life to as many as Thou (The Father) hast given Him.

This shows us again that the Father knows all those that would come of their own free will and He then predestined them and He gave them to Jesus or drew them to Him.

1 Peter 1:20 – Who (Christ) verily (truly) was foreordained before the foundation of the world (He was chosen before the world was created), but was manifest (revealed) in these last times for you,

They had heard from the beginning in the scriptures that a Messiah or Savior would come (Gen.3:15) and now He had finally come in the flesh to them and Peter points out that it was God's plan from before the world was even created.

Rev.13:8 - And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the antichrist), whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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And all the people who belong to this world worshiped the beast. They are the ones whose names were not written in the Book of Life that belongs to the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made.

This passage tells us that God knew Jesus was going to be slain even before the world was created. This is another witness in Scripture that God knew the end from the beginning. He knows all.

Some believe this passage is talking about names being written in the book of life from the foundation of the world.

There are some who believe all names were written in the book of life and that they were blotted out as they left God and denied Jesus.

In this next passage of scripture Israel had just made and worshipped the golden calf and now Moses is talking with God:

Exodus 32:32-33 - Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me (erase me), I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot (erase) out of My book.

A psalm by King David:

Psalms 69:28 - Let them be blotted out (erased out) of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.

He wanted God to remove his enemies from the book of the living.

Ultimately, if your name is not written in the book of life, you will be cast into the lake of fire.

Rev.20:15 - And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

called (624x) G2564 (146x)

[Greek Strong's]

2564. **καλέω kaleo**, *kal-eh'-o*; akin to the base of 2753; to "call" (properly, aloud, but used in a variety of applications, directly or otherwise): — bid, call (forth), (whose, whose sur-)name (was (called)).

[Webster]

Call (kôl), *v. t.* [*imp. & p. p.*

Called (kôld); *p. pr. & vb. n.*

Calling] [OE. *callen*, AS. *ceallian*; akin to Icel. & Sw. *kalla*, Dan. *kalde*, D. *kallen* to talk, prate, OHG. *kallōn* to call; cf. Gr. *γηρύειν* to speak, sing, Skr. *gar* to praise. Cf. Garrulous.] **1.** To command or request to come or be present; to summon; as, to *call* a servant.

Call hither Clifford; bid him come amain

Shak.

2. To summon to the discharge of a particular duty; to designate for an office, or employment, especially of a religious character; — often used of a divine summons; as, to be *called* to the ministry; sometimes, to invite; as, to *call* a minister to be the pastor of a church.

Paul . . . *called* to be an apostle

Rom. i. 1.

The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have *called* them.

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My call to serve on God's altar as a pastor and teacher is definition 2. To summon to the discharge of a particular duty; to designate for an office, or employment, especially of a religious character; - often used of a diving summons; as, to be

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2 Tim.1:9 – Who (God) hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling (called us to live a holy life), not according to our works (not because of anything we have done), but according to His own purpose (plan) and grace, which was given us His grace was given to us) in Christ Jesus before the world began,

God had a call on Paul and Timothy's life, to be His ministers and this was all decided before the world began. Notice it says it was given to them in Christ Jesus. So once they came to Christ, they began to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

There was no amount of works that Paul or Timothy or us for that matter, could do to earn salvation, it is a free gift.

Eph.2:8-9 - For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves (you can't take credit for this): *it is* the gift of God (that is salvation): Not of works (salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done), lest any man should boast (so that no one can boast).

Salvation is a free gift. There is nothing we can ever do to earn it. It is freely given by God's grace to us. It is up to us to accept it or reject it.

The next parable is about the Father bidding the wedding guests of Jesus or you could say inviting or calling the wedding guests.

Matt.22:1-14 - And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which (who) made a marriage for his son (prepared a wedding feast for his son), And (he) sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden (invited) to the wedding: and they would not come (they all refused to come). Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which (who) are bidden (invited), Behold, I have prepared my dinner (the feast): my oxen and *my* fatlings (fatted cattle) *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage (come to the marriage feast or wedding

banquet). But they made light of *it* (paid no attention), and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise (or to his business): And the remnant (the rest) took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully (mistreated them / insulted them), and slew *them* (killed them). But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth (furious or enraged): and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden (invited) were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways (to the street corners), and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways (streets), and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding (hall) was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests (to meet the guests), he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment (a man who did not have on the proper clothes for a wedding): And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment (how did you get in without wedding clothes)? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few *are* chosen.

Jesus was sent to the Jews first and they rejected Him. They were invited to the wedding feast and they did not want to come. In fact, they took those servants and mocked them, abused them and eventually killed them. Those servants were God's prophets. All through time God's prophets have been hated. The true men and women of God are hated by the world. Their messages are not well received. Remember that, the next time you see a prophetic word circulating around on social media. Because the world doesn't love God's Word.

When the Jews rejected Jesus, then the Holy Spirit went out to the nations and invited them - us to come. Did you know that God has been seeking a bride for His Son Jesus Christ. That's what that story is all about.

It was said of the Jews they were not worthy to come to the Wedding Feast. They were too busy and did not even heed the invitation. This next passage of

scripture is just after Jesus told of many things that would take place in the last days including the Roman invasion of 70 A.D.

Luke 21:36 - Watch ye therefore (be alert), and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

There's the word worthy again. We want to be worthy of Jesus Christ when He returns for us. Do you have on the proper wedding garment now? Do you have on your robe of righteousness? Live holy lives and ask the Lord to help you to be more like Jesus all the time.

Let's look at the word "chosen" in the Greek:

chosen (123x) G1588 (23x)

[Greek Strong's]
1588. ἐκλεκτός **eklektos**, *ek-lek-tos*'; from 1586; select; by implication, favorite: — chosen, elect.

[Webster]
Cho'sen, *p. p.* of Choose. Selected from a number; picked out; choice.

Seven hundred *chosen* men left-handed.
Judg. xx. 16.

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Webster: Chosen – Selected from a number; picked out; choice.

Who does God choose?

John 14:15 – (Jesus speaking) If ye love Me, keep My commandments (obey My commandments).

Remember Romans 9:29 told us that all things work together for good to them that love God. Now we see Jesus saying if you love Me, then obey me. We show Him we love Him by our obedience.

God knew before He created the world through Jesus, who would believe in Jesus, repent of their sins / stop their sins, and live an obedient life. Those are the ones that God elected or chose beforehand.

The Father draws us by the Holy Spirit. Or you could say He invites or calls us by the Holy Spirit. Those servants who went out and bid the wedding guests are a picture of the Holy Spirit wooing us to Christ.

John 6:44 – (Jesus speaking) No man (No one) can come to Me, except (unless) the Father which (Who) hath sent Me draw him (draws them): and I will raise him (them) up at the last day.

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me (through Me).

The Father draws us by His Spirit, the Holy Spirit and the only way to be His is to receive the sacrifice He has made for us, Who is Jesus Christ, to repent of your sins and live an obedient life.

We are drawn but it is still our choice to come and be saved and live righteous lives.

Once we are drawn, and we make the decision to be saved, then God's plan, to conform us to be like His Son, begins in our lives. We now have His Spirit inside of us helping us to live righteous lives. You will never be effective as a Christian without having been baptized into the Holy Spirit. The bride of Christ are the ones who are chosen by the Father and are baptized into His Spirit.

justified (43x) G1344 (40x)

[Greek Strong's]

1344. **δικαίω** **dikaioo**, *dik-ah-yo'-o*; from 1342; to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: — free, justify(-ier), be righteous.

[Webster]

Jus'ti·fy, *v. t.* [*imp. & p. p.*

Justified ; *p. pr. & vb. n.*

Justifying .] [*F. justifier, L. justificare; justus just + -ficare (in comp.) to make. See Just, a., and -fy.*]

1. To prove or show to be just; to vindicate; to maintain or defend as conformable to law, right, justice, propriety, or duty.

That to the height of this great argument

I may assert eternal providence,

And *justify* the ways of God to men.

Milton.

Unless the oppression is so extreme as to *justify* revolution, it would not *justify* the evil of breaking up a government.

E. Everett.

2. To pronounce free from guilt or blame; to declare or prove to have done that which is just, right, proper, etc.; to absolve; to exonerate; to clear.

Justified – Strong's greek 1344 dikaioo; from 1342; to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: - free, justify(-ier), be righteous.

Look at the Webster 2nd definition: To pronounce free from guilt or blame; to declare or prove to have done that which is just, right, proper, etc.; to absolve; to exonerate; to clear.

That is what Jesus did for all who would believe in Him. Our sins are forgiven to those that have accepted His sacrifice and asked forgiveness of sins and repented and that means stopped the sin, have gotten the sin out of your life. To repent is to turn and go in the opposite direction – away from the sin. If you have never

truly been sorry for your sins, grieved over them, then you are not saved. And as Christians we continue to ask for forgiveness of our sins daily.

God did not just justify us. He provided justification through Jesus Christ so that when we come and get saved, then we receive God's justification through Christ. The blood He shed for us provides this for us.

glorified (50x) G1392 (62x)

[Greek Strong's]

1392. **δοξάζω doxazo**, *dox-ad'-zo*; from 1391; to render (or esteem) glorious (in a wide application): — (make) glorify(-ious), full of (have) glory, honour, magnify.

[Webster]

Glo'ri·fy, *v. t.* [*imp. & p. p.*

Glorified ; *p. pr. & vb. n.*

Glorifying.] [*F. glorifier, L. glorificare, gloria glory + -ficare (in comp.) to make. See -fy.*]

1. To make glorious by bestowing glory upon; to confer honor and distinction upon; to elevate to power or happiness, or to celestial glory.

Jesus was not yet *glorified*.

John vii. 39.

2. To make glorious in thought or with the heart, by ascribing glory to; to acknowledge the excellence of; to render homage to; to magnify in worship; to adore.

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Going back to our original predestination passage in Romans 8:29-31 where it says that God glorified the ones He called and justified, in the same way that no one was justified before coming to Christ, no one was glorified until they came to Christ either. God provided justification and glorification for all those who would come to Christ.

Right now every true Christian is part of a royal priesthood and kingdom. We are honored already by Christ in that we carry His name upon us and that He exercises His power in and through our lives. And we will be honored more in eternity.

Romans 9:9-24 - For this *is* the word of promise (This is how the promise was stated), At this time (the appointed time) will I come, and Sara shall have a son. And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac; (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil (bad), that the purpose of God (God's own plans) according to election (His choosing) might stand, not of works (not according to their good or bad works), but of Him that calleth (of God Who calls people);) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written (in Scripture), Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated (rejected). What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God (Is God unjust or unfair)? God forbid (Not at all). For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth (mercy does not depend on human effort or desire), but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh (For the Scriptures say that God told Pharaoh), Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up (I have appointed you for this very purpose), that I might shew My power in thee, and that My name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath He mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom He will, He hardeneth (He hardens their hearts so they refuse to listen). Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault (Why does God blame people for not responding? Haven't they simply done what He makes them do?) For who hath resisted his will (Who is able to resist His will)? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God (But who are you, a human being to talk back to God)? Shall the thing formed say to him that

formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus (like this)? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour (for special purposes), and another unto dishonor (for common use)? *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering (patience) the vessels of wrath (objects of wrath) fitted (prepared) to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory (prepared in advance for glory), Even us, whom he hath called (whom He has selected), not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Verse 22:

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In the same way, even though God has the right to show His anger and His power, He is very patient with those on whom His anger falls, who are destined for destruction.

God created who He wanted to create. He created as many of mankind as He wanted or wants to create. And He will have mercy on whom He wants to show mercy and whom He will harden, He hardens.

If you are seeking Him with a sincere heart then you are not someone that HE has hardened. You are not someone that is prepared for destruction. It is like the ones who were religious leaders and were always arguing with Jesus and trying to find fault with Him. At one point they were saying He had a demon and that is how He was doing His miracles. He warned them not to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. The ones who blaspheme the Holy Spirit know what they are doing and they hate God and they do what they do on purpose. That is a picture of the type of person that is planned for destruction. They had no use for God, never loved Him or His ways at all. Full of pride and self. Remember God knew that satan was going to want to be God and He created Him anyway. He knew in advance that one day satan's fall would happen even though the Bible says satan was beautiful and that he was the anointed cherub that covered. The covering is in regards to the mercy seat or throne of God where he served before he fell. You see that in Solomon's temple with the images of cherubs standing over the mercy seat.

CLOSING

God knew that not everyone would come to Christ and be saved and redeemed back to Him. He still created the ones that are planned for destruction just like He created those of us who are planned for glory. Remember He is Sovereign. We don't tell Him what to do and it's ok to wonder and question and want to understand but we must be careful not to cross a line and be in sin against Him because we think we don't like how He has chosen to do things.

1 Cor.13:12 - For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

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Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

One day we are going to have all our lingering questions answered in eternity.

PRAYER