

ROMANS – PART 58

Romans 8:29-30

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1. Predestination is the reasonable response of a God who knows us and loves us beyond measure.
2. 8:29 Two aspects of conforming to the image of Jesus:
 - Begin to have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5–8)—In this life, conformity to the mind of Christ does not come all at once; it is a life-time process.
 - Future conformity of our physical bodies (Philippians 3:20-21)
3. 8:29 God sent the Son in our likeness that we might be made into His likeness (1 John 3:2).
4. 8:29 God's supreme purpose for salvation was not only to save us, but also to make us into the likeness of Jesus. In doing so, we are told this will bring greater glory to God the Son.
5. 8:29 In Old Testament Jewish culture, the first-born male had a privileged status; the term was used to represent preeminence.
6. 8:29 Those who trust in Jesus become God's adopted children. Jesus, the true Son, graciously calls us His brothers and sisters in God's family (Matthew 12:50).
7. 8:30 Because God is not bound by time, there is a sense in which these elements not only are sequential but simultaneous. Security in Jesus is so absolute that even the salvation of believers not yet born is in the past tense as if it has already occurred.

