

## ROMANS – PART 57

### Romans 8:29

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1. The two most important components of verse 29:
  - God knows everything.
  - God has an objective.
2. Some mistakenly think it means God simply foresees who will exercise belief, and that those are the ones He predestines to be like Jesus. But this assumes that the faith God foresees is our work, not His (Ephesians 2:8-9).
3. Unless God determines and declares that something will happen, he cannot “know” it.
4. The call is the powerful work of God to bring about what He commands. It is an effective call...a call that creates what it commands.
5. There is an inherent tension in knowing that believing is something I do, but my doing is a gift of God.
6. God has predestined that we become like Jesus.
7. All things work together for your good because you were chosen and loved before you existed; and the way His choice and love express itself is in ordaining for you an unspeakably great future, namely, to be like Christ.
8. No matter how much we may study God's Word, we accept there are mysteries we cannot fathom.
9. We are not chosen because of who we are, but because of who God is. He chooses on the basis of His will and purpose.

