

Lesson: Romans 8:28-39 (NIV based)

THEME - Election & Security

v.28 see Gal. 6:7-9

v.29-30 foreknowledge = God's knowing and choosing beforehand
predestination = God's predetermining the destiny of persons
election = God's choice of some to be saved

Q: According to these verses: who initiates salvation?
who completes salvation?
who selects to be saved?

Q: So who are the elect and how did they become the elect?

Q: Can we look at a group of unbelievers and tell who the elect are or will be?

Q: Is it fair of God to select or choose some people to be saved and consequently everyone else will perish? A: It is by God's grace and mercy that any should be saved.

A result of election: SECURITY

vv.35-39 description of parameters:

"death or life" = state of existence
"angels or demons" = created beings
"present or future" = within time - but not the past
"powers" = any natural or supernatural powers
"height or depth" = place in creation
"anything else in all creation" = whatever or whomever may be left

Q: From these verses on election & security, can a person who truly is a believer un-save himself?

Q: Why is the phrase "in Christ Jesus our Lord" tacked on to the end of verse 39? A: Humans can and will be separated from the love of God when they do not know Christ Jesus as their Lord.

BIG IDEA: God causes all things to work out, so we must be patient and submissive to Him and His will. MEMORIZE Romans 8:28

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