

## PREDESTINATION



Romans chapter eight is addressed to believers living in the Gospel Dispensation which is the present time. It tells us those who love God are called according to His purpose to do his bidding and if we think back to the parable of the wedding feast everyone is called but few accept the invitation and although everyone is predestined for Glory there are many who will refuse the invite which is their freewill choice the same as Adam and Eve made their own freewill choice in the Garden. Those who accept the invitation can be assured that: -

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" – "all who are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God and heirs

of God." – "provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:17)

Due to the depravity of man there are two intercessors to help us make the right choice they are the Holy Spirit and Christ.

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." And also. "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us."

Our final destiny is not yet assured and neither is our faithfulness proven but as the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ are interceding for us this gave Paul the confidence to write at the end of chapter eight these words,

"I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Then we will be able to say with Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Then we will hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Faith is the important factor and the same commendation was given to the servant with two talents as was given to the servant with five talents but those with no faith will hear the words, "I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness." The Kingdom of Heaven is for all who believe and are faithful but sadly people choose a different master and although everyone was predestined for Glory many prefer the wide road and the wide gate that leads to destruction.

### 1. The believer is predestined for Glory and are reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

For if, when we were enemies, we were <b>reconciled</b> to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Romans 5:10	And all things are of God, who hath <b>reconciled</b> us to Himself by Jesus Christ and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation, 2 Cor 5:18
and through him (Jesus) God <b>reconciled</b> everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. Col 1:20	and that He might <b>reconcile</b> both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. Ephesians 2:16

### 2. Jesus is drawing all people to Him

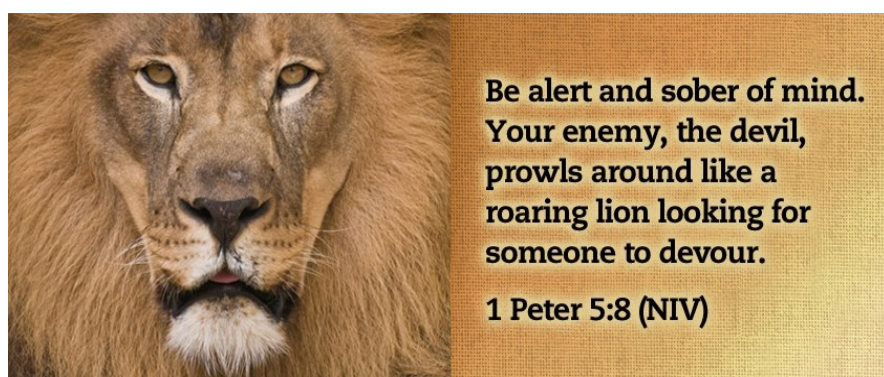
And I, when I (Jesus) am lifted up from the earth, will draw <u>all people</u> to myself." Joh 12:32	Consequently, he (Jesus) is able to save to the uttermost those who <u>draw near</u> to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Heb 7:25
And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would <u>draw near</u> to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Heb 11:6	Draw near to God, and he will <u>draw near</u> to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Jas 4:8

### 3. resulting in the salvation of millions across the world

"all mankind will see <u>God's salvation</u> ," Luke 3:6	"For the grace of God has been revealed, <u>bringing salvation</u> to all people." Titus 2:11
"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have <u>eternal life</u> ." John 3:16	"Neither height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from <u>the love of God</u> which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39
"When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles (none Jews) <u>repentance unto life</u> ." Acts 11:18	This is right and is acceptable in the sight of <u>God our Saviour</u> , who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim 2:3-4
The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but <u>all</u> to come to repentance. 2 Pet 3:9	For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of <u>all mankind</u> . 1 Timothy 4:10
"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that <u>whoever</u> believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:14	"And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and <u>all</u> mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." Isaiah 40:5

### 4. who are all equal in His sight

"Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows <u>no favouritism</u> . In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. " Acts 10:34	For the LORD your God is the God of all gods, the LORD of all lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who <u>does not show favouritism</u> . <u>Deu 10:17</u>
For God does not show favouritism. Romans 2:11	Masters, treat your slaves the same way. Do not threaten them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and <u>there is no favouritism with him</u> . Eph 6:9



**There are two things we need to be wary of, the first is Satan who " as a roaring lion walks about seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8**

"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction." 2 Peter 2:1	From among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Acts 20:30
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### the second problem is our own wilfulness

"will you serve the gods of the Amorites who lived in this land? You must choose for yourselves. But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD." (Free will choice) Josh 24:15	"But the house of Israel is not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, for the whole house of Israel is hardened and obstinate." (Freewill) Eze 3:7
"but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by Their own evil desire and enticed." (Freewill) " James 1:14	But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would not obey me." (Freewill) Psa 81:11