

PREVAILING LOVE

A STUDY ON DIVINE PREDESTINATION



PREDESTINED BY AND FOR LOVE

Getting at the **Heart** of Predestination

The Doctrine of **Predestination**

ELECTION

Emphasizes God's **initiative** in salvation

PREDESTINATION

Emphasizes God's **sovereignty** in salvation

Predestined in the New Testament

προορίζω [**6 verses**, 3 forms, 6 occurrences]

- predestined, foredetermined, decided on
beforehand, determined in advance, decreed

Redemption **Accomplished**

For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever **your hand** and **your plan** had **predestined** to take place.

Acts 4:27–28

Jesus of Nazareth ... delivered up
according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,
you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Acts 2:23

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Acts 4:27–28

1 Corinthians 2:13

But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which
God **decreed** before the ages for our glory.

Romans 8:30

1 Corinthians 2:7

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Redemption **Applied**

Making known to us the mystery of his will according to
his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the
fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in
heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an
inheritance, having been **predestined** according to the
purpose of him who works all things according to the
counsel of his will

For those whom he foreknew he also **predestined**
to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order **that he**
might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:29

And those whom he **predestined** he also called,
and those whom he called he also justified,
and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:30

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will to the praise of his glorious grace with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

For we know, brothers loved by God,
that he has chosen you

1 Thessalonians 1:4

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you,
brothers beloved by the Lord, **because God chose you** as
the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the
Spirit and belief in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

1 Peter 1:1–2

But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

1 Corinthians 8:3

But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

2 Timothy 2:19

Response

- **Be not proud**
- No human being may boast
- The redeemed may glory in God
- The redeemed may rest in the sovereign grace of God

The sum of salvation in Christ is this:
God's prevailing love.

Enlarge and humble our hearts to stand in greater awe of God and rejoice more intently in His love.