

**Scripture Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

There are **6 Sovereign Reasons** presented in this text that provide **absolute assurance** that those whom Christ redeems are secure and cannot fall away from His saving grace.

**1. God's \_\_\_\_\_**

A mistake many make defining “foreknowledge” is to speak of it in terms of **foresight**. That God looked into time future, seeing what a person would or would not do, and based on His foresight of their actions made preparation for their salvation.

Paul used the word *proginōskō*, which speaks of **knowing someone in a relational way**, not knowing what their actions will be. Of course God does know what our thoughts and actions will be beforehand.  
See Psalm 139:2

**Truth Point #1:** Beyond knowing our actions before we act, **foreknowledge** speaks of God's knowing a people \_\_\_\_\_, choosing before time to know them as His own \_\_\_\_\_, His dearly loved \_\_\_\_\_ in time.

This tells us that our salvation began in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, before He \_\_\_\_\_. It originated with Him, not with our desire for saving grace. See Matthew 7:21-23

**2. God's \_\_\_\_\_**

It is difficult to grasp but, it only stands to reason that a Sovereign God, who chose to know someone in a relational way, would then act on that knowledge to **determine in advance** the **outcome of that knowledge**.

**Truth Point #2:** God's **predetermination** to save those He foreknew is the \_\_\_\_\_ that what He foreknew \_\_\_\_\_ of time would come to pass \_\_\_\_\_ time.

Our salvation was not predicated on our desire for it, nor on any foresight of redeeming action in the future on our part, but only on God's Sovereign Determination. **See John 1:11-13:**

We are finding that God in Christ is the sole Person responsible for the initiation of our salvation, but what about its conclusion? Does God Sovereignly oversee the completion of what He started, or does He Sovereignly set it all in motion and leave us to bring it home?

### 3. God's Purpose in Saving Sinners - \_\_\_\_\_

Knowing God's purpose in salvation answers the question above. When God relationally foreknew His people, He had a specific purpose in mind for them ...**conform[ing]** (them) to the **image** of His Son.

If God's purpose in redeeming any person is conformity to the image of Christ Jesus, would He leave that work to an imperfect, faithless lot like ourselves?

**Truth Point #3:** God does \_\_\_\_\_ His purposes to the incapable hands of fallen humanity. He is more than capable of \_\_\_\_\_ what He started, and His Word declares He will do just that. **See Philipians 1:6**

### 4. God's \_\_\_\_\_

**VS30** brings all of God's precreation decrees into the real time of creation ...those whom He **predestined** (precreation) He **called**... (in real time). **See John 6:44**

There are two types of CALLING related to Biblical Salvation: the gospel call and the effectual call.

**Gospel Call:** The proclamation of the gospel to \_\_\_\_\_, inviting them to repent of sin and place faith in the Lord Jesus. **See Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8**

**2. Effectual Call:** The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, using the proclamation of the gospel, providing faith to believe, sparking spiritual life, and empowering the sinner to repent and believe. See John 3:5

**Truth Point 4:** While the **gospel call** is intended for \_\_\_\_\_ people. The **effectual call** is accomplished exclusively by the Holy Spirit in the lives of those \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. See Romans 8:29-30

**5. God's \_\_\_\_\_**

To be JUSTIFIED is to be declared righteous before God.

**Truth Point #5:** Justification is a **onetime** \_\_\_\_\_ of God that a redeemed sinner is now \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight. Justification gives the sinner right standing with God.

**6. God's \_\_\_\_\_**

**Definition: Glorification** is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ **act of God** whereby the \_\_\_\_\_ **of the salvation** He decreed before time, that Jesus accomplished in time, and The Spirit applies in time, is completed.

The *spirit, soul, and body* of the redeemed sinner is \_\_\_\_\_ from **all sin** and enjoys the **full** \_\_\_\_\_ unto the image of Christ Jesus.

See 1 John 3:2

**Truth Point 6:** The ultimate end of the redeemed in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ than Heaven. God's purpose for His redeemed is to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the image of Jesus, His Son.

**What Does It All Mean?**

**Truth Point #7:** The salvation that God offers to sinners through Jesus Christ is **Sovereignly Secure** because from start to finish it is \_\_\_\_\_, resting solely on His Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to see it through.

**Question...** If the Infinite, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Immutable God, determined to do these things, what in all of creation could possibly cause any of it to fail to come to fruition? **See John 10:27-30**

**QUESTION:** Doesn't all of this security give people a license to live in sin? **See 1 John 3:2-3**

**Truth Point #8:** 1 John 3:3 tells us that a fundamental change takes place in the soul of redeemed ones. The confident hope God plants in His redeemed, brings the \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ's image.

Although redeemed ones can and do sin, it is not the desire of their heart to do so. The attitude that Sovereign Security is a license to live in sin, is nothing but \_\_\_\_\_ that one does not have it.

## **Wrap Up**

God's offer of forgiveness and eternal life is real. Scripture says... **Whosoever will call on the name of the Lord, shall be saved. Romans 10:13**

Have you called on the Lord, in repentance and faith? If not, won't you do it today? Do you have questions? Won't you ask them today?

Fellow believers, rest assured that your redemption is as good as done, because in God's mind it is. Despite your failures you will receive the fullness of Christ's redeeming work. **Praise Him for that.**

Do you know others who do not have that confidence? Are you praying for them? Are you equipped to share The Gospel with them?

Please reach out if you need to be equipped with the tools and support to be a witness for Jesus Christ.