

Foreknowledge and Predestination

Lesson 35

1. As in Lesson 34, the doctrines of _____ and _____ are infinitely _____ for the human mind to comprehend. Deut. 29:29
2. Our lives are enmeshed in _____, _____ in which God is _____.
3. Three words come into play which will help us understand God's foreknowledge and predestination.
 - a. _____ refers to God's _____ of those who receive Christ and it refers back to the _____. Ephesians 1:4
 - b. _____ has to do with the _____. Romans 8:29 & 30; Ephesians 1:11
 - c. _____ refers to _____ in Christ and speaks of the _____. Ephesians 2:10
4. The scriptural base for _____ is seen in, among other places, 1 Peter 1:2.
5. Foreknowledge seems to indicate _____ but does not _____ man's responsibility for _____. 1 Peter 1:2b
- * The great preacher, Charles Hadden Spurgeon, once said of God's sovereignty and man's responsibility, "I cannot make them meet, but you cannot make them cross." The foundational fact in life and in history is that God is, God rules, God is sovereign. His foreknowledge, election, and predestination are only parts of His sovereign will.
6. To understand God's foreknowledge we must first realize that He is _____, "all knowing," "perfect in knowledge." He knows _____. Job 37:16
7. God knows everything about the _____ and _____. Psalm 147:4 & 5; Isaiah 40:12, 15, 28; Matthew 10:29
8. God knows everything about _____. Psalm 94:11; Matthew 10:30; Hebrews 4:13
9. God has all _____, _____ and _____. Psalm 139:7-10, 15 & 16; Isaiah 46:9 & 10
10. Because God has _____ of events before they occur, He knows who will exercise their _____ and choose His plan of salvation. 1 Peter 1:2.

Note once again, that the _____ are according to God's foreknowledge.

11. God's invitation is to _____. Isaiah 55:1 & 6; Matthew 11:28
12. Paul taught the _____ of God to young believers at Thessalonica. 1 Thess. 1:4 & 5
- * The result of the foreknowledge of God seems then to be predestination. Predestination means to determine beforehand. "Pre" meaning before and "destined" having to do with destiny. Therefore, predestination means to determine beforehand the eternal destiny of individuals and events.
13. The purpose of God in salvation was _____ beforehand. Rev. 13:8; 1 Peter 1:19 & 20; Ephesians 1:4
14. God pre-determined the "_____" of Abraham. Genesis 15:2-6; 21:1-3
15. God purposed all history toward _____! Galatians 4:4
16. God's predetermined plan for man's salvation can be seen in the _____ and the _____. Psalm 16, 22; Isaiah 53; Matthew 27; John 1 and 19
17. The _____ on predestination and foreknowledge is Romans 8:29 & 30.
18. The ultimate purpose in predestination is to be _____ to the _____ of Christ. Romans 8:29 & 30; 1 John 3:2; Ephesians 1:4
19. We are also predestined to be conformed to the _____ of His will and to the _____ of _____. Ephesians 1:11 and 12
20. The final _____ of predestination is found in Philippians 3:20 and 21.

Conclusion

Predestination from a spiritual standpoint means that Christians are "to be conformed to the image of Christ." This takes in sanctification (Lesson 23), of which Christ is the supreme example. Christ is the express image of the Father and Christians are to be conformed to the image of His Son. We cannot conform ourselves to Christ. By giving ourselves to Christ, God gives us to Jesus (John 17:3, 6, 9, 11, 20, 21, 24); and in giving us to Him, He predestinated us to be conformed to His image. *God sees us as we shall be!* He looks back to Genesis 1:26-27.

Yes, "we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).