

Romans #124

“Five Victory Steps”

*Romans 8:29-30 Romans 1:18-27*

In Romans 8, we've seen the universally applied principle for every child of God and the increased reality for the adult sons of God, co-heirs with Jesus Christ, who avoid life's distractions and remain focused on their spiritual growth.

God's imputation of soul life to our biological life plus the imputation of Adam's original sin to our genetically-reproduced sin nature, occurring simultaneously at birth, is the 1<sup>st</sup> potential in life; being condemned, so we have our 1<sup>st</sup> potential; salvation and that's the plan of God for unbelievers.

This potential to execute the plan of God for the Church Age and become invisible heroes, plus the appropriate biblical truth, the mystery doctrine of the Church Age is our 2<sup>nd</sup> hope of absolute confidence that when we advance to spiritual maturity, we become invisible heroes as salt and light, preserving and illuminating our nation.

*Hope 3 is the greatest most powerful thinking in the soul of the believer.*

We are conformed to the image of His Son which means ultimately, we'll have a resurrection body in which to receive eternal blessings and rewards.

Omniscience comes first and determines what was put into the decree and foreknowledge acknowledges what is in the decree.

*The purpose for the divine plan is for every believer to break through the maturity barrier having maximum biblical truth in his soul.*

Not only does this glorify the Father and Son but the decrees contain the most fabulous unique blessings for mature believers.

Every Church Age believer has this calling, it's a process that began as an external universal invitation or call in the Gospel when he first heard the good news and it continued until he believed in Jesus Christ.

Everyone who is at the banquet was invited or called but not everyone who was invited or called, attended.

*It's not an internal drawing or calling, it's the external call that comes through hearing the Gospel in the Scriptures.*

*Calling in the Scripture is not a reference to irresistible grace or the efficacious call, it ref to those who have responded to the Gospel & are part of a future purpose of God in relation to their destiny in Jesus Christ.*

Election relates the believer to the plan of God from eternity past and coincides with foreknowledge and predestination.

Like foreknowledge and predestination, election is part of the divine decrees which only deals with reality.

*Election is the plan of God for the believer designed in eternity past, declared by foreknowledge, functioning under predestination which is God knowing ahead of time*

*what we're going to do at any given point in time.*

The key to understanding election is fact that Jesus Christ was elected in eternity past and we as Church Age believers are entered into union with Jesus Christ through the baptism by the Holy Spirit.

**When reality replaces hope, a new hope is formed from the justice of God.**

Since this righteousness is not our own, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> judicial imputation.

*And at salvation, there's a real imputation of eternal life to the divinely prepared home or target which is our new birth or regeneration.*

There always must be a birth involved in life.

**Blessings in time and eternity are part of the divine decrees for the mature believer.**

Therefore, divine blessings and glorification existed long before any person existed on this earth.

*Omniscience knew those who would break through the maturity barrier prior to anyone actually doing it, so the omniscience of God regarding the reality became the decree of God.*

The mature believer is the object in election, foreknowledge and predestination.