



Correspondent's Corner

God's Plan of the Ages

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Romans 8:22-30

We are going to continue in Romans Chapter 8, and go over nine different verses than we looked at last month. Last month we covered from 8:31-39 and noted at least seven questions from that part of Romans 8:23-39. It is not a problem to have questions from the Scriptures that you need some light on. There is no one who understands fully everything that is written but as we seek the Lord and find that He helps us a little and then a little more, sometimes the difficult portions begin to make some sense. I did not understand much of the Bible when I was saved in mid-February 1977 but I had one thing that I did understand and that was "Christ died for my sins" and I trusted Him as my Saviour. I did not know much but I knew the person who loved me and gave himself for me and that was enough for me to have true peace that really I did not understand either but I was not disappointed with what I did understand. That will be enough about me so let's get into the portion before us.

In Romans 8:22-30 there are some very difficult verses to consider. I will try to keep it simple so we can get something to enjoy. In verses 22-30 there are things written that are difficult because we find verses with words like "called according to His purpose"(v. 27) and "whom he did foreknow" (v. 29) and "He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son" and that the Lord Jesus would be the "firstborn among many brethren" and so on through verse 30. In verse 30 we read that those who were predestinated were also called and those who were called were justified and those who were justified will be glorified. To make a simple observation verse 27 leads into verse 30 with its conclusion. It is helpful also to think that all of this progression is made possible by God's doing the work and bringing it all to pass. It all depends on God: there is blessing after blessing and God receives all the glory. We would do well to remember that the Holy Spirit in verses 26 and 27 always prays for us and keeps or guards us for Himself. Verse 22 tells us that the whole creation is groaning to see the believers changed. The Holy Spirit is called the firstfruits or the down payment of a great blessing when we are all in glory. So keep looking up and patiently waiting for the fullness of our salvation.

sincerely, *John Eggers*

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