

“To Be Conformed to the Image of His Son”

Romans 8:29-30 & 11:36

- The whole purpose of salvation is summed up in these two ideas:
 - That all those in Christ would be conformed to the image of Christ.
 - He is the source (from Him), He is the means (through Him) and His glory is the aim (to Him). Salvation is to conform us to the image of Christ and glorify God!
- “For those whom He foreknew....”
 - God did not foreknow our choice because we would never choose God in ourselves (Romans 3:10-12; Romans 8:7-8; Ephesians 2:1-5; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6).
 - Men cannot be saved apart from the faithful action of their wills and that saving faith (Ephesians 2:8-9) and every other part of salvation originates with and is empowered by God (John 1:12-13; Romans 11:36).
 - God foresees and foreordained. He sees in advance and He ordains in advance (1 Peter 1:20; Acts 2:23).
- “He also predestined....”
 - The purpose of us being predestined (determined beforehand) for salvation is to glorify Christ’s amazing grace (Ephesians 1:4-6).
 - Predestination is determining beforehand how something is going to take place and then causing that event to take place (Acts 4:27-28).
 - God chose us so that all glory would go to Him and that man could not boast (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).
- “The firstborn among many brothers....”
 - Christ is the heir of all things (firstborn) from God the Father (Hebrews 1:2) and at His Name every knee will bow and every tongue will confess He is Lord (Philippians 2:9-10).
 - Those who trust in Christ are God’s adopted children and joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:14-17; 1 John 3:1) but Christ is preeminent (surpassing all others) to all of us as God and Creator of all things (Colossians 1:15-20).
- “He also called....”
 - There is a general call that goes out to all (John 3:16; John 3:18 & 36; 1 Corinthians 1:23) and then there is an effectual call that goes out to those predestined for salvation (1 Corinthians 1:24; John 6:44; 2 Peter 1:3; Romans 1:6).
 - This is what it looks like in real time in the Bible (Acts 13:48; Acts 16:14; Acts 16:27-34).
 - He called us according to His purpose and His grace and this should lead to a great thankfulness and security (2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14; Philippians 1:6).
- The four views of how God could save:
 - God could offer no opportunity for salvation.
 - God could offer an opportunity for all to be saved, but not guarantee the salvation of any.
 - God could ensure the salvation of all; He could bring all to faith.
 - God could ensure the salvation of some.

Worship: Glorious Christ (Sovereign Grace Music) Come Adore the Humble King (Matt Boswell and Matt Papa)
His Mercy is More (Matt Boswell) **Closing Song:** In Tenderness (The Sing Team)

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home)Bible Study:Women 6:30/Men 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- Important foundations of salvation....
 - God is sovereign, man is fallen, and man is responsible for their actions.
 - Some receive mercy, some receive justice, but no one receives injustice from God.

Announcements:

***Church Members Meeting:** We will be having a business meeting TONIGHT immediately following the service! If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting. We will be reviewing the budget for 2021. We anticipate the meeting to last approximately 30 minutes!

***Collecting Donations:** We are collecting donations for Vertical 196 for the month of December. Each week we will be collecting different items. For next week, December 13th, we will be collecting Fleece Throw Blankets. These blankets will be used as Christmas gifts for the guests of Vertical 196.

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| Account Balance: \$36,720.35 September Balance: \$41,116.67 | Weekly Budget: \$2,957 |
| Actual Tithe: November 1 | \$2,980 |
| Actual Tithe: November 8 | \$804 |
| Actual Tithe: November 15 | \$410 |
| Actual Tithe: November 22 | \$5,515 |
| Actual Tithe: November 29 | \$987 |