

## A PERFECTLY LINKED CHAIN - Romans 8:29-30

### Lesson 11

THE "CHAIN" IN VERSES 29-30 IS FURTHER EXPLANATION OF THE "GOOD" THAT GOD WANTS TO WORK OUT IN OUR LIVES.

*"(These verses) show us that 'the good' God is always working for us is character change."*

*Tim Keller*

WHAT ARE THE FIVE LINKS?

1. Foreknew or foreloved
  - a. Not a **head** knowledge
  - b. A deep **intimate** knowledge

2. Predestined or a predetermined plan

*"God is pouring us into the mold of Christ's perfect greatness."*

*Tim Keller*

- a. To be **like** Jesus
  1. From the **inside** out
  2. It is the **essence** of Him
- b. To be His "**siblings**"
  1. Through **adoption**
  2. Through getting His "**DNA**"
3. Called or drawn to a response
  - a. To understand our **condition**
  - b. An **awakening** in our heart
4. Justified or pronounced blameless
5. Glorified or to be made perfect
  - a. Made perfect in **body** and **spirit**
  - b. It is in **past** tense

*"The tense in the last word (glorified) is amazing. It is the most daring anticipation of faith that ... the New Testament contains."*

*James Denney*

WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN MY PRESENT LIFE?

- A. We can look back with confident amazement at what God has done.
- B. We can look forward to inexplicable glory in His presence.

*"Oh that will be glory for me, glory for me, glory for me, when by His grace I shall look on His face, oh that will be glory, be glory for me."*

*Charles H. Gabriel*