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The Hope Of Being Foreknown Romans 8:29-30 - Part 1

Main idea: Those in Jesus Christ rest in God's Sovereign declaration over them that they are loved, predestined, called, justified, and will one day be glorified in His presence forever.

Introduction

- The golden chain of salvation is about hope, joy, assurance, and confidence.
- When you hear doctrine, what comes to mind? - **Acts 2:42; Ephesians 4:14**

Six Imperatives To Understanding And Applying Doctrine

- We must deal with hard doctrines
 - Two approaches: Ignore them or deal with them - **Titus 2:7; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16; 4:2-3; Matthew 7:24-27**

"Doctrineless churches produce spineless Christians."

- We must determine our non-negotiables
 - We are saved - **Galatians 1:6-9; Corinthians 15:1-11**
 - By faith - In Christ - By grace - For God's glory - ALONE - **Ephesians 2:1-5**
- We must ask the right questions
 - About our salvation
 - About our context
- We must define our terms
 - What does foreknowledge even mean? - **v. 29**
 - To know beforehand - To know what?
 - Two views of foreknowledge:
 - View #1: God looks through all of time (past, present, and future) and knows your choices, and makes His choice off your choice. (pre-science = before knowledge)
 - View #2: God before time knows you (in eternity past), and all your choices (in the future) come out of God's Sovereign purpose - **Revelation 13:8**

- We must be devoted to Scripture
 - What do we believe about Scripture?
 - What does Scripture have to say?
 - Does God foreknow actions or people? - **Genesis 4:1; Acts 2:23; Romans 8:28-31; 11:1-2; 1 Peter 1:20**
 - The biblical conclusion: Your election is not based on God before seeing any good in you; foreknowledge explains how God sets His love on you, and how you become the object of His predestining, calling, justifying, and glorifying grace.
 - We must rightly apply biblical doctrines. (So What?)
 - What difference does the doctrine of God's foreknowledge make in our life and our sufferings?
 - Absolute assurance - **Philippians 1:6**
 - Unquenchable joy - **1 John 4:19**
 - Joyfilled thanksgiving - **Psalms 100**
 - Fierce confidence - **1 John 3:1**
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Now What? (Growth Group Discussion)

- Read **Luke 6**. Recall the context and people to whom Jesus is talking.
 - What was the core message of Jesus' teaching?
 - **Reread vv. 46-49**. Explain the meaning of this illustration of a house and a storm.
 - How do our fruits (**vv. 43-45**) reflect on our foundation?
 - What kind of house is my life? How do I go back and ensure my foundation is solid and able to withstand the coming storms of life?