

# ***HOW GOD DOES IT***

## **ROMANS 8:29-30**

From the time of the early church, Christians have debated the assurance of a believer's salvation.

### ***HOW SURE ARE WE??***

- Many bitter controversies have centered on that single issue.
- At the forefront of this is the debate between ***Calvinism*** and ***Arminianism***.
- As Calvary Chapel, we are neither.

# ***THE 5 POINTS OF ARMINIANISM***

The first of these five points is the reason for the conflict between Calvinism and Arminianism.

- 1. Overriding concept of man's free will**
- 2. Conditional election**
- 3. Christ was sacrificed for all**
- 4. Obstructable grace**
- 5. People can *fall from God's grace***

***They put a bit of overemphasis on man's free will.***

# *THE 5 POINTS OF CALVINISM*

- 1. Total inability (or total depravity)**
- 2. Unconditional election**
- 3. Limited atonement**
- 4. Irresistible grace**
- 5. Perseverance of the saints**

*They put a bit of overemphasis on God's sovereignty.*

*ARE YOU CONFUSED?*

*LIKE MANY, DO YOU AGREE WITH PARTS OF BOTH?*

# ***ASSURANCE OF OUR SALVATION***

**ROMANS 8:29-30** is the clearest presentation of the believer's assurance in all of God's Word.

## ***THE UNDERLYING PURPOSE OF SALVATION***

- I. TO CONFORM BELIEVERS TO CHRIST v. 29c**
  - a.** First of all, we will be like Christ bodily.
  - b.** Second, and more importantly, although ***not becoming deity***, we will be like Christ spiritually.

## II. TO MAKE CHRIST PREEMINENT v. 29d

- a. ***GOD'S ORIGINAL PURPOSE*** in creation was to make a people in His divine image who would give Him honor and glory by serving and obeying Him in all things.
- b. ***OUR ULTIMATE PURPOSE*** as the redeemed children of God will be to spend eternity worshiping and giving praise to God's beloved **first-born**, our preeminent Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

# ***THE PROGRESSION OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION***

**It is essential to realize that these five links in the chain of God's saving work are unbreakable.**

- With the repetition of the connecting phrase "***He also,***" Paul accentuates that unity by linking each element to the previous one. No one whom God foreknows will fail to be predestined, called, justified, and glorified by Him.

# *THE 5 LINKS*

- 1. GOD'S FOREKNOWLEDGE v. 29a**
- 2. GOD'S PREDESTINATION v. 29b**
- 3. GOD'S CALLING v. 30a**
- 4. GOD'S JUSTIFICATION v. 30b**
- 5. GOD'S GLORIFICATION v. 30c**

*THAT IS GOD'S OWN FIVE-PART GUARANTEE.*

*ARE WE SECURE OR WHAT?*