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## (Romans 8: 28- 30)

- God is foreknowing. He knows what is going to happen in the future. He foreknows the happening of all events before they happen.
- But does God individually predestine things to happen because He knows they will happen? At least, I suppose that He does not because I would have no free-will if He did.
- God was a billion earth years ago in eternity with foreknowledge of my obedience to a gospel event that had not yet become a historical even at the time He foreknow I would obey.
- Time would become a part of eternity by creation of that which would produce history. In other words, time did not exist until this world was created.
- So here we are, only speks in eternity, confined to a history-making world that is destined to return to that which it was created-nothing.
- The only real purpose of our brief earthly existence is to mold us into that which is suitable for cohabitation with God in eternity.
- Nevertheless, I wonder why God would create an environment that would involve (on my part) when all He needed in the first place was eternal cohabitants in heaven.
- Somehow, it is difficult for a mind that is confined to time to understand the consistency between concepts as foreknowledge, pre-destination and free-moral agency.
- God's justice is affirmed by my free moral agency. Because I can make choices, God can stand just in the condemnation of the disobedient to hell. He can remain a just God because it was on the basis of choice that the condemned chose not to obey.
- Think with me for a moment. In order for God to be a just God, you and I must be truly free-moral agents who live in an environment wherein choices can be made her is the solution. Before the foundation of the world, God planned

and thus, foreknew the community of believers He would deliver from mortality to immortality. His plan was that His people be those who respond to the predestined cross. This community of believers would be/are predestined to eternal cohabitation with God in eternity. However, INDIVIDUALS MUST MAKE A FREE-MORAL DECISION TO BECOME A PART OF THE PREDESTINED GROUP, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. We are thus predestined because the group is predestined. Amen.

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