

It's All About God: The Doctrine of Predestination (Romans 8:29, 30)

I. The Historical Theological Debate

Calvinism: double predestination; irresistible grace; sovereignty of God (John Calvin)

Arminianism: Christ died for all; human freedom; salvation is of grace. (James Arminius)

II. The Scriptural Perspective

A. The Paradoxes:

a. “Special Elect” vs. Universal Opportunity
(I Peter 1:2) (I Timothy 2:4)

b. Divine Sovereignty vs. Human Freedom
(John 6:44) (John 3:16)

B. The Passage: Romans 8:28, 30

- **“Foreknow” – Knowledge and choice (proginosko)**
- **“Predestinate” – had purpose in mind**

- **“Called” – initiated the contact**
- **“Justified” – to bring out righteousness or to make one righteous**
- **“Glorified” – present glorification, future revelation. We are glorified in Christ, but the revelation awaits the coming of the Lord.**

III. Practical Conclusions

A. It’s all about God

B. God offer is universal

C. The responsibility of the elect is to evangelize