

Below are follow up questions for you to consider related to today's message *The Golden Chain*; Romans 8:29-30

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the golden chain? What are the five links?
2. How does this chain become the source of the Christian's confidence? How does it guarantee that Romans 8:28 is true?
3. What is the difference between being "foreknown" and "predestined"?
4. What is it this "destination" that God has prepared for Christians? (see v. 29)
5. What are ways that God transforms Christians to be like Christ? Where can you go in Scripture to find answers (be specific)?
6. What trial or difficulty are you experiencing right now? Write this down. Now ask yourself, "I wonder how God is at work in this to make me more like Christ?" Write down any ideas that come to mind.
7. What is glorification? When will it happen?
8. How could the truths of these two verses work to deepen your confidence, joy, and hope?
9. Is there someone you are hoping to "call" to faith in Christ through sharing the good news with? How can this passage encourage you to take that step?

RGC Statement of Faith

7. The Plan of God

"We believe that from all eternity God determined in grace to save a great multitude of guilty sinners from every tribe and language and people and nation, and to this end He foreknew them and chose them. (Revelation 5:9, 7:9-10) We believe that God justifies and sanctifies those who by grace have faith in Jesus, and that He will one day glorify them—all to the praise of His glorious grace (Romans 8:28-30, Ephesians 1:3-14). In love God commands and implores all people to repent and believe, having set His saving love on those He has chosen and having ordained Jesus Christ to be their Redeemer."

A prayer to become a Christian:

"Lord, I am guilty, I deserve your condemnation. I cannot save myself. I need a new heart, new passions and desires, a new life, but I cannot do this myself. Would you come to me now and make me yours? Would you forgive me and make me new? Would you give me new life? Through the blood of Jesus Christ, would you make me right with you and willing to live for you? I trust you for this in Jesus' name. Amen."

Baptism Testimony:

We rejoice with [Alden James](#)!

Announcements:

Contact John Peiffer at fairfax.church.griefshare@gmail.com to learn more about GriefShare.

Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

Grateful - Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlele, Stefan Green, and Steven Furtick
Shout Hosanna - Brett Younker, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Kristian Stanfill
Raised to Life - Mack Brock, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Matt Redman
Shout to the Lord - Darlene Zschech
What a Beautiful Name - Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood
Worship Leader: Matt McCartney

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Next week: Radical Generosity; Luke 12:13-21