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TEACHING US HUMILITY

“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.... and those whom he predestined he also called.” (Romans 8:29-30)

The doctrine of predestination resolves three vital questions: First, how is it that I am a Christian today? Second, what confidence can I have of getting to heaven? Third, what have I to thank God for?

What the truth of predestination teaches me is this: First, I am a Christian today because God chose from eternity to make me one. He went the first mile when he sent his Son from heaven to die on the cross for my sins. He went the second mile when he called me by grace, working in my heart so that I responded to the gospel message in a way I would not have done had he not so worked. It is thanks to God’s predestination that I am a Christian.

Second, I have every confidence of getting to heaven. The doctrine of predestination says that once you have believed, God promises to keep you believing. Once he has brought you to faith according to his predestinating purpose, he will complete that purpose. It is all his doing, and it is guaranteed by his sovereignty. So I am safe in his hands, and my hope is secure.

Third, I owe God thanks for my entire Christian life – for the fact that I have been converted no less than for the fact that there was a Savior for me to turn to.

The doctrine of predestination teaches us humility, the humility which acknowledges every spiritual benefit as God’s gracious gift to me. Also, it reveals my security, telling me that God’s purpose guarantees final glory for me. Finally it prompts doxology, praise to God for the greatness of His grace to me. Those who embrace predestination praise God for more than other do, for they recognize more as God’s gifts to them. AMEN.

~Dr. J.I. Packer

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

