

**Salvation from God's Side in Time**  
**Romans 8:30**  
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What is the good that God is working in us?

How does God bring this good about?

Election in eternity past leads to calling. justification. glorification in time.

This is salvation's golden chain connecting eternity past to eternity future.

Being like Christ, bearing the image of God well; is the good that God is working in your life.

### **Calling**

The Universal Call of the Gospel

The invitation of the gospel goes out to all (Rev 22:17; Isaiah 45:22; 55:1; Acts 17:30).

Everyone is sincerely and earnestly called to repent and believe the gospel.

The Effectual Call of the Gospel

This is the call of the gospel that works. It is the creative, powerful word of God (Matthew 11:27; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 24; Hebrews 9:15; Ephesians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12; John 10:3-4).

In this effectual call, the Holy Spirit enlightens the mind, renews the heart, moves the spirit to embrace the good news.

How is the universal call of the gospel tied to the effectual call of the gospel? (Matthew 22:14).

The effectual call happens through the universal call (2 Thess 2:14).

Do not look down upon speaking the gospel.

### **Justification**

What is justification? WSC Q 33

God declares sinners, righteous, because of the obedience of Jesus that is given to them.

### **Glorification**

"Eternal life is so certain that Paul can describe it in the past tense." Doriani

Calling and Justification is glory begun.

What is our glorification? It is bearing the image of God well; it is conformity to Jesus.

We can see God's glory reflected in the gradual transformation of Christians.

"Glory is the very essence of God. God 'is' glory. Something is 'glorious' when it shows us God, or reveals God." Martin Blocki

We enter into the glory of God. We share, participate in, reflect, the glory of God (2 Corinthians 3:18).

God is doing something in you. He is making you glorious.