## EMBRACING GOD'S PURPOSE, PLAN, AND PROVISIONS FOR YOU (Romans 8:29-34)

- A. Embracing God's PERSPECTIVE on PRESENT SUFFERING & FUTURE GLORY. (Rom.8:18-25)
- B. Embracing GOD'S POWER & Addressing OUR WEAKNESSES in PRAYER. (8:26-27)
- C. Embracing GOD'S PROMISE & ULTIMATE PURPOSE For You. (8:28-29)
  - 1. God's PROMISE to Every Believer. (8:28) And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
  - 2. God's PURPOSE for Every Believer. (8:29) For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
    a. God's purpose for every believer is ...
    1) sovereignly directed for your
    ...
    - 2) graciously intended with a definite \_\_\_\_\_\_ in mind ... "according to His purpose"
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ with all the facts in hand for every believer, "for whom He foreknew, He also predestinated" Some clarification on "foreknowledge" and predestination":
    - 4) ultimately is "to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_ {Jesus Christ}.
      - What does this imply and mean?
      - What does this mean in the present?
      - What does this mean in the future?
    - b. God's purpose behind the believer's glorification is "that He {Jesus Christ} might be the \_\_\_\_\_\_ {prototokos} among many brethren." What does "first born" mean & emphasize? What should this emphasize to you and me?
- **D.** Embracing GOD's PLAN for Every Believer in Christ. (8:30) Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.
  - 1. God's plan for you has five links in the chain, as believers in Christ are \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_.

    What aspect of God's plan is purposely missing here? Why?

	2. God's plan and purpose is so guaranteed by God that
	a. The and refer to the same group without exception or drop-outs.
	b. Though it is yet a future reality, the word "glorified" is in the past tense because it is absolutely by God. How does all of this apply to you?
Е.	Embracing GOD'S PROVISIONS For Every Believer in Christ. (8:31-34) To underscore the means and magnitude of God's provision for our eternal security and future glorification, Paul raises the following five questions:
	#1: "What then shall we say to these things?" (8:31a) Anticipated answer:
	#2: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (8:31b) Anticipated answer:
	#3: "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He (the Father) not with Him (the Son) also freely give us all things?" (8:32) Anticipated answer: Why?
	What has God given to you in Christ?
	• How should this impact us in our daily lives?
	#4: "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?" (8:33) Anticipated answer: Why?
	#5: "Who is he who condemns?" (8:34) Anticipated answer: Why?
	a. "It is who",
	b. "and furthermore is also",
	c. "who is even at the of God",
	d. "who also for us."