

# **The Confident Christian**

***Romans 8:28-39***

***We all want to go to heaven  
when we die, but we're not sure  
that we're ready to go right now.***

**Two negative effects a lack of  
confidence brings in a Christian's  
life**

- A lack of confidence robs us of our joy
- A lack of confidence negates our testimony

**How to live with confidence and  
the assurance of victory  
in the Christian life**

**1. God is at work in the  
Christian's everyday life.**

***And we know that in all things God  
works for the good of those who  
love him, who have been called  
according to his purpose. For those***

*God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, Romans 8:28-29a*

## **What is Predestination?**

The action of God determining from heaven what will come to pass.

## **Foreknowledge vs. Predestination**

Foreknowledge is God's ability to see the future.

Predestination is limited to those who love God and to those who are seeking to fulfill His purpose in their life.

## **Who is predestined?**

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes,*

*let him take the free gift of the water of life. **Revelation 22:17***

***No where in the Bible does God predestine some to be saved and some to be lost.***

*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus **Philippians 2:5** (NKJV)*

**What are we predestined to be?**

- We are predestined to do good

*“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who*

*comes in the name of the Lord.”*

**Matthew 23:37-39**

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

**2 Peter 3:9**

## **Three areas of God's Will**

1. God's intended will—  
perfection.  
What he meant for the  
world when He created it.
2. God's circumstantial will—  
what God permits to  
happen in the world,  
because of the  
circumstances of sin.

3. God's ultimate will—what God will ultimately restore this world to be.

## **How much of our lives is predestined?**

*But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*

**Matthew 18:6 (KJV)**

***There is never any ultimate, lasting comfort in an untruth.***

*I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name*  
**John 14:18, 25-26**

## **How much of our lives is predestined?**

Once we become a Christian, the direction of our lives is predetermined by God. But many of the details are left up to us to choose.

## **How should predestination affect our attitude?**

It should make us confident that He can take all things, both good and bad, and He can use them to make us mature and to make us like Jesus Christ.

## **2. We can be confident that God has saved us for eternity.**

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*And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also*

*justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:30*

## **Two reasons why Christians are uncertain about their salvation**

1. They did not have a dramatic conversion experience.

***The legitimacy of a birth is not determined by the circumstances that surround it, but by the life that is produced.***

***No where in the Bible is there a standard emotional experience that you're supposed to have when you become a Christian.***

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is*

*with your mouth that you confess and are saved. for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* **Romans 10:9-10, 13**

2. Some really don't understand God's grace and are still trusting in their good works.

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## **The Power of God to Save**

**Four rhetorical questions with the word, “who”**

1. If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31  
— God can overcome any foe
2. Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? Romans 8:33



— No one will dare bring any charge against the chosen of God, because God is a judge and He has already justified us.

3. Who is he that condemns?  
Romans 8:34

— No one can condemn us except Jesus Christ, and He is our advocate.

4. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Romans 8:35

— No one. His love is not temporary. It is dependable.

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are*

*considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”* **Romans 8:35-36**

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* **Romans 8:37-39**

### **3. We are confident that no foe can defeat us.**

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*The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.*

**Proverbs 28:1**

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **Romans 8:37***

## **Why are we MORE than conquerors?**

- Every battle strengthens us
- We know we are going to win the victory
- Our enemy will not only be defeated; he will be destroyed.

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. **Psalms 23:4-5***

*You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater*

*than the one who is in the world.*

## **1 John 4:4**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Psalm 27:1-2*

*Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:3-4*

*For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he*

*will hide me in the shelter of his  
tabernacle and set me high upon a  
rock. Then my head will be exalted  
above the enemies who surround  
me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice  
with shouts of joy; I will sing and  
make music to the Lord. Psalm  
27:5-6*