The Bible on PREDESTINATION

Prepare to make a defense!

"Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

(I Peter 3:14-15)

Have confidence in your faith!

"We are treated as imposters, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything."

(1 Corinthians 6:8b-10)

PREDESTINATION according to John Calvin

- This is the view that God has determined the eternal destiny of every human being. He has chosen some to eternal life and foreordained others to everlasting punishment."
- O "Predestination is the biblical doctrine that God in his sovereignty chooses certain individuals to be saved."

Predestination in the Old Testament

In every case, God predestines groups of individuals who meet specific conditions. Not "certain individuals".

- O The Flood Genesis 6
- O The Promised Land Genesis 12
- O Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 19
- O The Passover Exodus 12

Predestination in the New Testament

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of this son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified."

(Romans 8:28-30)

Predestination in the New Testament

"...In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us..."

(Ephesians 1:3-14)

Predestination in the New Testament

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

(1 Peter 2:9-10)

The Impact for Me?

Count it a blessing to be amongst the group of God's redeemed!

(Matthew 5:3-11)

Always remember that God's promise is conditional!

(I Cor. 6:1-10; Col. 3:12-17; 2 Pet. 3:11-14)