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1/14/16 - The Gospel, Salvation, and Sanctification - Part 39

# "predestined"

from proorizo - means to predetermine, to foreordain, to mark out, to appoint beforehand; refers to pre-established boundaries, i.e. before creation; predestination is part of God's divine decree

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A subset of foreordination. Refers to the destiny of believers, specifically regarding things that are guaranteed to the saved. Believers were predestined before human history even began, as part of God's divine decree. (Ro 8:29-30; Eph 1:3-14; 3:11-12)

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# **Submitting to Your Pastor**

Our Lord's authority has been delegated to His under-shepherds for the sake of His sheep. It's the sheep's job to obey His authority, not challenge it. If you lose faith in it, then leave; otherwise seek guidance in humility.

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Man's Perspective ("tenses")

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- Experiential (from power of sin)
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# Sanctification Perspectives

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Sanctified (set apart for Him)

Man's Perspective ("phases")

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- Experiential (imparted R+ / daily)
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who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.

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# Ps 34:17-19 [Amplified]

When the righteous cry [for help], the Lord hears and rescues them from all their distress and troubles. The Lord is near to the heartbroken and He saves those who are crushed in spirit (contrite in heart, truly sorry for their sin). Many hardships and perplexing circumstances confront the righteous, but the Lord rescues him from them all.

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# Php 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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# **Ultimate Salvation ("future" tense)**

God wills to save (deliver) His children from the very presence of sin for all of eternity. Salvation is consummated at the end of world/human history (Rev 19:1). Heaven will be without the presence of sin (Rev 21:22-27). (Ro 13: 11; Eph 2:5-7; Php 1:6; 1 Pe 1:3-5; 1 Jn 3:1-2)