

FIVE FACTS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW

Revealed in Romans 8:29-30

FACT #1, “For whom He did foreknow”—Before the foundation of the world, God determined who shall be the objects of His love (1Pe 1:2; Eph 1:4; Rev 21:27).

FACT #2, “He also did predestinate”—Before the foundation of the world, God determined how the objects of His love shall be made to know their position (1Th 5:9; Eph 1:5, 11; Phi 2:13).

FACT #3, “Them He also called”—Before the foundation of the world, God determined when in their lives He would quicken them to spiritual life (Gal 1:15-16; Eph 1:10, 13, 18).

FACT #4, “Them He also justified”—Before the foundation of the world, God determined by what means the objects of His love would be reconciled to Himself (Rom 3:24; Eph 1:6; 2:13).

FACT #5, “Them He also glorified”—Before the foundation of the world, God determined where the objects of His love should spend eternity (Rev 21:24; Eph 2:4-7; Col 3:4).

Consider that these five facts were established in time, before the foundation of the world and they cannot be completely fulfilled until after this present world passes away, yet, they are recorded in the sacred Scriptures in the past tense, as though they had already been fulfilled. Such is the certainty of God’s purpose for you.

We also notice that, whereas these facts have to do with your personal and eternal salvation, none of them depend upon you for their fulfillment, but were determined long before you ever existed and are according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace (Eph 1:5-6).

One thing that is very evident is that you are not a Christian today because of some twist of fate, or because the odds happened to be in your favor, or that you are just plain lucky. You are a Christian today because of some very deliberate planning on God’s part, that began before He created this world and shall continue long after this world is dissolved.

How may you know that these things pertain to you after all? Peter admonishes us to “give diligence to make your calling and election sure” (1Pe 1:10). First of all, you will know that you have been quickened or made spiritually alive by God if you have a spiritual appetite. Do you truly hunger after the things of God? Do you seek to know and understand the Word of God? Is the fruit of the Spirit evident in your life? Do you have

love, joy, and peace within your own soul? Longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness towards others? And faith, meekness, and temperance before God? Have you confessed that Jesus is Lord, and do you believe that God raised Him from the dead? Do you recognize that only the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, can cleanse you from all sin?

If you can answer yes to these questions, this is evidence that God has wrought a miracle of grace in your heart and you have been born again.

These things are certain because they depend not on you, but on God the Father, Who purposed your redemption, God the Son, Who accomplished your redemption, and God the Holy Spirit, Who applies your redemption.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8:31). So, rejoice, because your names are written in heaven (Luk 10:20).—C.R.M.



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