

Groaning Believer's Hope = *Glorification*
Romans 8: 28-30

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Verse 28

**Groaning believers know: God is at work
for your good**

God wants groaners to know:

“all things work together for good”

This is not saying all things are good – *no way!*

Notice who are the recipients of good:

“those who love God” – believers only!

What does this mean for me today?

*All the groanings that come into our lives,
God uses for good, somehow, some way*

This verse is a comfort in a world of groaning!

Verse 29

God's purpose for every groaning believer

God's Unbreakable Chain of Romans 8:29-30

PREDESTINED

JUSTIFIED

FOREKNOW

CALLED

GLORIFIED



Foreknow = “*proginosko*” = to know beforehand – 1st link

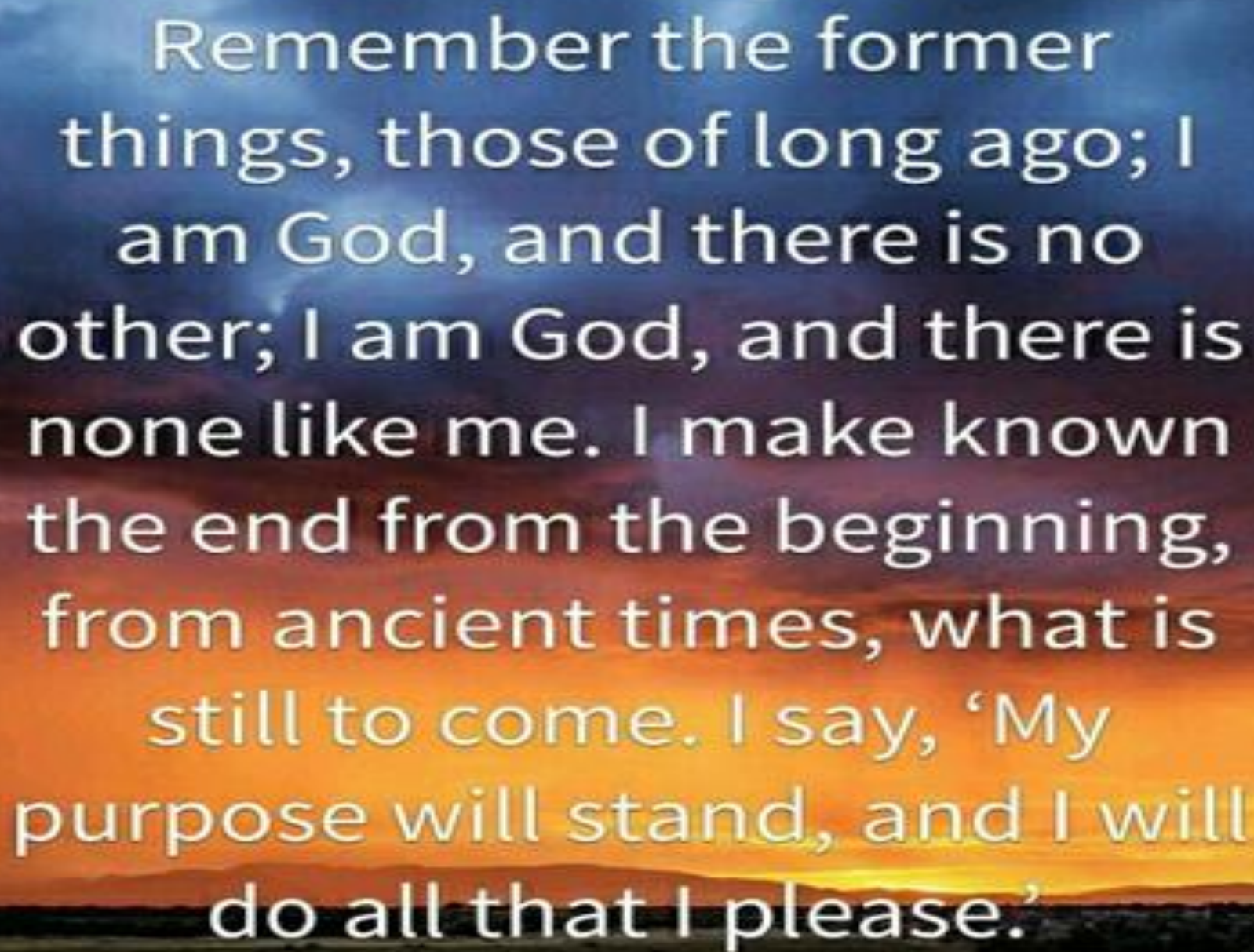
God is not in time

God knows everything, always!

God does not look through the corridors of time
and see those who believe

God knows all things

God is in the eternal present

A sunset over a field with mountains in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow, with clouds catching the low sun. The foreground is a dark, flat field.

Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

Isaiah 46:9-10

God exists outside the constraints of time, experiencing all moments, past, present and future, simultaneously, as if they are happening now

Foreknow does not mean fore choose!

Believers that are “*foreknown*” are “*predestined*”

Predestined = “*proorizo*” = to determine – 2nd link

The Greek word means to mark off, to set boundaries of something

This is a glorious picture of what God is doing for the believer

NOT how to become a believer; but what will happen to a groaning believer is determined

When foreknew and predestined are used in this context, it is not “*who*” are the objects of predestination, but what they are predestined “*for*” = to become like Jesus!

The word is used four times in Scripture:

Romans 8: 29 = “*Predestined*” to be like Jesus

Romans 8: 30 = “*Predestined*” to glorification

Ephesians 1: 5 = “*Predestined*” to adoption

Ephesians 1: 11 = “*Predestined*” to an inheritance

Verse 30

Every groaning believer's hope = *Glorification*

The Three Tenses of "Salvation"

Past Tense:

Separation from the *Penalty* of Sin

You have been saved.

Justification

1 Corinthians 6:11, Titus 3:5
Colossians 1:13, 14; Eph. 2:8, 9
Romans 5:1, 2; Colossians 2:13, 14

Present Tense:

Separation from the *Power* of Sin

You are being saved.

Sanctification

Philippians 1:6; 2:12, 13; 2 Cor. 5:17
2 Peter 3:17, 18; Romans 8:29
2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:16, 17

Future Tense:

Separation from the *Presence* of Sin

You will be saved.

Glorification

Matthew 10:22; James 1:12
Hebrews 10:39; Revelation 2:10
Philippians 3:20, 21; 1 John 3:2

Those God ***“predestined”***, He ***“called”*** = invited to salvation -
3rd link

Those who respond to the divine ***“call”*** are ***“justified”*** -
4th link

Those ***“justified”*** will be ***“glorified”*** - ***5th link***

All of these five steps are ***past tense*** (*something already happened*) and in the ***active voice*** (*something God does*)

What does this mean to us?

All of the chain is already accomplished in the heart of God

God already sees believers in His presence

Ephesians 2: 4-6

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

What we must understand is that true Christianity is a choice, *never forced or coerced!*

God determined that all who believe in His Son would be saved

Those saved are *“foreknown”* by God
God foreknows everything!

God *“foreknows”* that those saved are *“predestined”* to be conformed to the image of Christ

All believers God *“called”* (invited)
God drew you; God initiated, *not you!*

All believers who respond to the divine call are ***“justified”***,
declared righteous at salvation

All believers are ***“glorified”***

This is how God views you NOW; you are already in heaven!

This has nothing to do with those who are chosen for
heaven and those chosen for hell!

**This is written to believers to give them assurance that they
will be delivered from the GROANINGS in this world**

A done deal! ***Determined by God!*** Secure in Christ!

Already glorified! That's good news for GROANERS!

God's Unbreakable Chain of Romans 8:29-30



ALL OF IT IS A DONE DEAL - NOW!

**THIS IS THE
WORD
OF GOD!!**

