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**High Expectation**

Romans 8:28-30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (29) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. (30) Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. (KJV)

Ever have someone ask the question “why do bad things happen to good people?” Well, what you really have to ask yourself is what and who does God consider good in His sight? Even our Lord Himself when being referred to as good said that there was only one that He knew of that was good, and that was God. However, for those that are called and then answer the Lord’s calling, they are considered in good standing with Him because they have chosen to follow the plan He predestined or determined was best for them before the foundation of the world; thus why all things end up turning out for the good. As we see at the end of verse 30, those that choose to endure to the end, following the Lord’s path instead of man’s popular versions, they are justified in their walk which will result in being glorified with our Lord and making it to the intended destination that He planned for their life.

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: (4) According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (5) Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (KJV)

There are some wacky doctrines that get thrown around concerning that word ‘predestination’. In fact there are some that think that God chooses those that are going to make it and those that won’t, and whether you like it or not it is a done deal. However, for those that know the truth and are set free, they know that God would have that none should perish, but His desire is that all would come to repentance, thus why He sent His Son to die for the sins of the whole world. We have an equal opportunity God who doesn’t play favorites, but rather made a plan and purpose for your life before He created and founded this world. His expectation for your life is glorious, just like you as a parent have high hopes for your offspring as well. So don’t be taken in by a bunch of dim wits who think that only certain people have certain privileges with our Lord and the rest are outcasts whether they like it or not, nonsense!

Romans 10:11-13 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (KJV)

When you think of the word predestination, think of what it is like when you plan to travel, and you map out a path to get to your pre determined place or destination. So when the time comes and you don’t end up where you intended to go or at the place that you had a reservation at then that would be considered a failure. Well your life and purpose for being here is similar, God mapped a path and provided a way, by the truth, which would bring life to the believer and confirm that they are headed in His direction. Anything less than receiving your crown of life would not be the purpose that our Lord had intended for you or the place that He had planned for you to end up at. Our Lord confirmed a reservation in His eternal hotel or mansion, now it is up to you to follow a Spiritual map being led by your Spiritual senses, and not misled by the carnal limited ones.

Ephesians 1:9-11 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: (10) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: (11) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (KJV)

In conclusion today, you need to realize that our Lord has a high expectation for your life, and provided all that you need so that you can make it home with Him. You will find in your walk with the Lord that the more you continue on the path that He ordained for you, the more He will confirm His word and show you that you are heading in the right direction. You ever hear of a purpose driven life? Well, someone has a perfect plan and purpose for yours, so now go out and walk in it and fulfill you’re calling today, taking another step closer to your destination.