

**Series:** Romans VIII: Trusting God's Sovereignty

**Message:** All Things: Part Four

**Scripture:** Romans 8:28-30

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### **Romans 8:28-30**

*<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

*<sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;*

*<sup>30</sup> and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.*

#### 1. THREE PRESUPPOSITIONS

- ✓ 1) God Is Sovereign
- ✓ 2) God Has A Perfect Plan
- ✓ 3) God engineers an infallible process to assure His perfect plan.

#### 2. THREE FOUNDATIONS

- ✓ 1) God's Sovereignty
- ✓ 2) Man's Free Will
- 3) Man's Fall

#### 3. Five Chain Links

- 1) Foreknowledge
- 2) Predestination
- 3) Calling
- 4) Justification
- 5) Glorification

Last Message:

(1) Can God be sovereign over man and man still have a free will?

(2) Don't all people have the free will to choose or reject Jesus?

### **Jonathan Edwards:**

#### **Natural (Human) Ability**

The ability all humans have to make the choice they desire.

#### **Moral Ability**

The ability to choose Jesus (lost at the fall).

## **Augustine quote**

“Fallen man has a free will but lacks moral ability.”

This Message:

### 3) Man's Fall

- (1) If man lacks the moral ability to choose Christ, is it fair for God to hold man responsible for what he cannot do?

### **Seminary Professor**

“I am not a Calvinist because I do not believe that God brings some people kicking and screaming against their wills into the Kingdom of God while He excludes others from His Kingdom who desperately want to be there.”

- (2) If man lost his ability to choose Christ because of Adam's sin, how can all people be held responsible for what Adam did?

### **Romans 5:12**

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

### **Romans 5:17-19**

*<sup>17</sup> For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>18</sup> So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.*

*<sup>19</sup> For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.*

- (3) Is it fair to pay the consequences for the sin of a representative we didn't choose?