

ROMANS 8:28-39

“AND WE KNOW”

Men to Men Ministry
Session 23

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²⁸ 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.

What we know

²⁹ 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 brothers *and sisters*; ³⁰ and these whom He **predestined**, He also **called**; and these whom He **called**, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

What God knows

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ³³ Who will bring charges against God's **elect**? God is the one who justifies; ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of ^[d]Christ? *Will* tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶ Just as it is written:

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³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

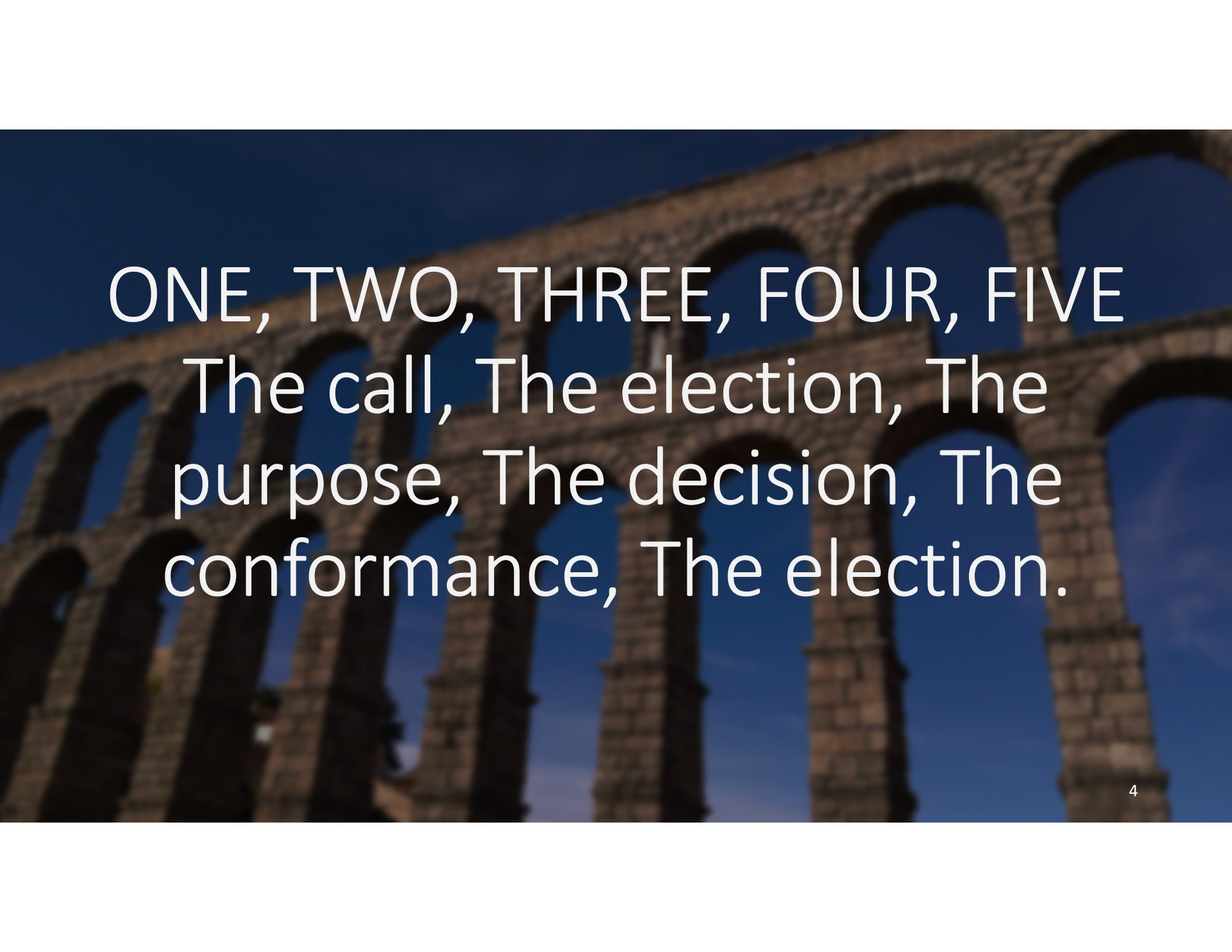
What is said

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to **separate** us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What is convincing

All Greek to me!

- CALLED – *klētós* – Invited, invited to discharge an office given
- PURPOSE - *prothesin* – Old Testament show bread, a thing done to represent an idea or faith.
- FOREKNEW - *proginóskō* – To have knowledge of the past, to know beforehand of that which was before. It is about an close relationship. There is no inference of knowing what will happen.
- PREDESTINED – *proorízō* – decide beforehand, decreeing in eternity.
- CONFORM – *sýmmorphos* – Having the same form, similar in nature or substance
- ELECT – *eklektós* – Picked out, chosen, select.



ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE
The call, The election, The
purpose, The decision, The
conformance, The election.

All FIVE agree on certain ideas

- **V28**

- What we are discussing is known to the readers (And we know)
- God works to use all things, toward a good purpose for those who love God and are called.

- **V 29**

- God has preknowledge of “those”, the loving and the called. (Foreknew)
- God has decided (Predestined) before this group existed a decree or purpose for them
- The purpose (Proscribed acts) for this group is to be conformed to an image of Jesus

- **V30**

- Those who he predestined, he also called, justified, and glorified.

Door Number One

- Paul, a Jew speaking to the Jew's sufferings. He is giving an example of the history and fate of Israel.
- God has preknowledge of everything that was and is.
- This preknowledge is of the history of the people, the good and the bad. How all this history reveals the ultimate good in bringing the Messiah into the world
- God selected this group of people by a proclamation of destiny and giving of the LAW.
- God worked together within circumstances and suffering and the resulting sinfulness to the ultimate good in bringing the Messiah into the world
- The elect are those who were destined by decree for active actions of God to listen to the call, become justified and ultimately be glorified.

Door Number Two

- God has preknowledge of everything that was, is, and will be.
- This preknowledge is of those who has loved, is loving, and will love.
- This preknowledge requires causation.
- This causation is God is working together within circumstances.
- God is sovereign and those who he predestined will be saved for God's purpose.

Door Number Three

- God has knowledge of everything that was, is
- This preknowledge is of those who has loved, and is loving.
- Man has the ability (Free Choice) to Love.
- This Free will is the causation of acts of purpose.
- God is working together within circumstances and suffering and the resulting sinfulness to the ultimate good.
- The elect are those who listen to the call, become justified and ultimately glorified.

Door Number Four

- God has preknowledge of everything that was, is, and will be.
- This preknowledge is of those who has loved, is loving, and will love God's purpose.
- Those who are known are called to a higher calling to live according to his special purpose.
- God is working together within circumstances to nurture and commend those who love on behalf of God's purpose.
- The predestined reward for these special individuals is to rule with Christ Jesus and be the firstborn among many nations.

AND now the bonus! A fifth mystery door.

- God knows everything.
- Jesus died for everyone.
- God knows the end of everyone.
- God calls everyone.
- God predestines and sets the results of everyone.
- God's will is that everyone is saved I Tim. 2:4
- God's will can not be denied.
- God predestined, called, justified and glorified everyone.
- Everyone is already saved.



• **NOW** which of the five beliefs is more likely?

- **Number Three.** It is about the Jews
- **Number Two.** It is about free choice.
- **Number Four.** A special destiny for a part of Christianity.
- **Door Five.** Everyone is saved.
- **Lastly Door #1.** God decides who goes to heaven and who will be damned.

Second section, (What shall we then say?)

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Third Section: For I am convinced

- ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to **separate** us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- I am convinced from all the forgoing facts that:
 1. There is nothing that will separate the chosen few from the Love of God. The rest not so much.
 2. There is nothing that will separate the willing and faithful from the love of God. Unless you purposely do not follow the teachings of God and live in sin.
 3. There is nothing that will separate the Chosen People from the love of God. Unless there is a total apostasy and rejection of the Messiah.
 4. There is nothing that will separate the Special few from the love of God. Unless they live in the consistency in the flesh.