

## **104.25. PREDESTINATION OR ADOPTION**

Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. According as he hath chosen us in Him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy & without blame before Him.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children, by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein He hath made us accepted. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace, Ephesians 1:3-7. We know all things work together for good, to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren & who He predestined, these He also called, who He called, these He also justified & who He justified, these He also glorified, Romans 8:28-30.

Divine predestination says God's purpose for man was established before the foundation of the world & that all who follow Him, will be with Him.

He chose/ predestined us to adoption, as sons, by Jesus Christ, as we were all known by God before creation & were all intended to be with Him for eternity, but we were also given free will, to choose to believe, or not; or to be His, or not. So, all who will be in eternity with God, He will have known forever, but not all who He knew, from the beginning, will be with Him, as all are predestined, but not all accept it, as through free will & wicked hearts, that predestination can be broken & handed over to satan, the father of lies.

Predestination is a travel ticket to Heaven, freely offered to all, but burnt up by many, before ever testing & believing it. Why would there be any, that God had not specifically called, as it says that none can come to God, whom He has not called. God knows all, including all men's hearts. So think about it this way for a moment, if you were to take care of a child & you wanted to know if they would choose a bowl of cake & candy, over a bowl of rotten spinach; if they had the choice, would you really have to set them down at the table with the bowls in front of them, or through a Godly discerning mind, do you know which they would choose?

So back to God who knows all men's hearts, which means He absolutely knows which people will choose satan's carnal world of shiny traps, over His offer of true eternal salvation, through repentance, which means that He doesn't have to spend all His time, with all those whom He already knows will fall to the will of satan & the worlds way & yet He still does, as He still gives everyone, every chance possible to turn to Him & call on His name, right up until their last breath & after that, it will be too late & predestination will be void, for those who chose not to partake.

So yes, when put in the proper perspective, as God had intended, predestination does exist, as all creation was predestined, to be with their creator & Father for eternity, but that does not guarantee they will, as God has chosen us, or predestined us to be with Him, but we must still do our part & freely choose Him, or choose against Him & hand oneself over to eternal torment, as it is a choice.