

The Holy Spirit, Sanctification and the Eternal Security of Believers: The Big Picture on Arminian and Reformed Theology

Rom.9:1-5; Eph.2:11-22

Introduction

1. Last time I mentioned that there are:

1. "Core" Christian beliefs (truths that must be believed in order to be saved)
2. Christian beliefs of "secondary importance"

2. An approach

We look at the issue of election and predestination through the lens of God's attributes manifested on the cross

3. The five links in the "chain" (Rom.8:29-30)

1. "Foreknew" meant Foreknow (foreloved) before born (Jer.1:4-5; Amos 3:2 ESV)
2. "Predestined"

"Predestine" – "To decree or ordain beforehand"

3. "Called" (Rom.8:28,30; Acts 26:15-18)

4. "Justified" (8:30)

When God (the Judge) justifies a person, He declares that person to be righteous (right in His sight)

5. "Glorified" (8:30)

"Glorification is the final state of believers in their resurrection bodies in heaven.

4. Paul's application arising from Rom.8:28-30 (Rom.8:31a)

"What, then, shall we say in response to this ("say to these things" –ESV/NASB)? (Rom.31a)

5. Five outcomes from the "chain" (Rom.8:29-30)

1. Question 1 (Rom.8:31b)

"If God is for us, who can (is-NASB) be against us?" (8:31b)

2. Question 2 (Rom.8:32)

"He who did not spare His own Son, but gave (delivered-NASB) Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously (ESV) give us all things?" (8:32)

3. Question 3 (Rom.8:33)

"Who will bring any (a-NASB) charge against those whom God has chosen ("charge against God's elect"–ESV; NASB)? It is God who justifies (God is the One who justifies-NASB)" (8:33)

4. Question 4 (Rom.8:34)

"Who is he that condemns ("Who is to condemn" –ESV; who is the one who condemns-NASB)?"

5. Question 5 (Rom.8:35)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (8:35)

1. Trading verses

2. Big picture

1. Illustration

2. Paul's reflection on the privileges bestowed on Israel (Rom.9:1-5)

1. "Theirs (the Israelites) is (to them belong the-ESV) the adoption as sons" (9:4)

2. Theirs (the Israelites) “the divine glory (the glory-ESV)” (9:4)
3. Theirs “the covenants” (9:4; Gen.17; Deut.5:2-3; 2Sam.23:5; Jer.31:31-34; 1Cor.11:25b)
4. Theirs “the receiving (giving-ESV) of the law” (9:4)
5. Theirs “the temple worship” (9:4)
6. Theirs “the promises” (9:4; Gen.12:3)
7. “(To them belong-ESV) the patriarchs” (9:5)
8. “From them (their race according to the flesh -ESV) is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, (blessed-ESV) forever praised! Amen” (9:5)
 1. The Christ (Is.61:1)
 2. Christ’s ancestry
 1. He was fully human (Matt 1:1; Lk.3:34; Is 9:6)
 2. He was fully divine and therefore the great King and Deliverer (Ps.2:2,7-12; Is 9:6)
9. Their privilege of having God’s revealed Word (Rom.3:1-2)

3. Big question

4. Confirmation of this position

1. The OT (Is.42:6-7; 49:6; Matt.28:18ff; Acts 8,10)
2. One big NT perspective on Arminian and Reformed theology (Eph.2:11-22)
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Conclusion

1. Jn.3:16,19,20; 2Cor.4:4,6
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