

If God Be for Us... (Romans 8:29-39)

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The Thematic Statement (Rom 1:16-17)

For I am not ashamed of Christ's good message, for it is the power of God for deliverance available to everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God by faith, granted to faith, is revealed; as it is written, "The just-by-faith shall live."

Romans 8:29-30 Is Often Called "The Golden Chain"

Why is it called this?

Is it the golden chain of the heirs of God? (Rom 8:17a)

Or is it the golden chain of the co-heirs of Christ? (Rom 8:17b) **Implication?**

For those whom **He knew in advance**

He predetermined to share the likeness of His Son, so that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. And those **He predetermined**,

These He also called, and whom He called

these He also vindicated, and whom He vindicated

these He also glorified

[The implication of 8:29-30 is that] our omnipotent God who delivered up His Son for believers will graciously give co-heirs all things (8:31-32)

What is the referent of all things?

No one will bring a charge against those God will choose for co-heirship, (1) because God justifies/vindicates, and (2) because Christ died, rose, and intercedes (8:33-34)

No one will separate the co-heirs from Christ's love for them—whether the hardship be persecution, famine, destitution, danger, or war (8:35)

The co-heirs always face persecution unto death as sheep for slaughter, but still are overwhelming conquerors through Christ who loves them (8:36-37)

Paul was persuaded that neither issues of life or death, angelic powers, present or future events, things (above, below, or in-between), or any other created thing can separate co-heirs from Christ's love for them (8:38-39)

Conclusion