

# **Invincible Purpose of God**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8.
- B. The promises of God mean nothing to us unless there is security.
- C. There are three things that give the believer security.

## II. The purpose of God.

- A. All things work for those whom God called—those who love God.
- B. We have been called by God according to his predetermined plan. This is why we love God.
- C. No man seeks after God. (Romans 3:11, John 6:44, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)
- D. God can even take your sin and bring good from it.
- E. Facts of God's sovereignty.

### 1. He foreknew.

- a. To “know” refers an intimate love relationship. (Hosea 13:4, Matthew 7, 1 Corinthians 10:22, Galatians 4:9)
- b. God has a unique love relationship with those who belong to him. (2 Timothy 2:19, 1 John 3)
- c. Foreknowledge is God's appointment to eternal life. (Acts 13:48; John 17; Acts 18:10)

### 2. He predestinated.

- a. This means to determine from the start what the outcome would be.
- b. God determined that Christians would be conformed to the image of Christ.

### 3. He called.

- a. This is not an invitation to the gospel.
- b. This is an effectual choosing. (1 Corinthians 1:9; 1:24; 2 Timothy 1:9; Isaiah 48:2; John 6:37)
- c. God calls, but he will not turn down any who come to him.

### 4. He justified.

### 5. He glorified.

III. The character of God.

A. The character of God is power.

B. If God gave us the greatest gift—his Son—he certainly will not hold back anything less. (Romans 5:10)

C. Believers have been acquitted from the universe’s highest court.

IV. The love of God. Difficulties have a positive effect in light of Christ’s love.

**Application Questions:**

1. What does it mean to foreknow?

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2. Which argument for security do you find most satisfying? Explain.

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3. Why is the love of God a securing force? Explain.

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