

# Questions for A Long Look At Salvation wk9

- What comes to your mind and heart when you read Romans 8:28?
  - Have there been times in which this verse has brought you comfort? Care to share?
  - Have you ever shared this verse with someone going through a difficult time?
  - Have you ever made some of the mistakes Pastor Keith mentioned (interpreting “good” from a narrow, earth bound perspective, or using the verse with people not of the faith)?
- Have you ever been guilty of skipping the next two verses in Romans 8 because you had a difficult time understanding them?
- Do you recall the explanation of “foreknowledge” that Pastor Keith laid out? Explain.
- Does it make sense why God could not have looked through time and chose those that would choose Him?
  - What are some reasons why God could not have done so? (Makes God time bound, makes us responsible for responding to grace when we are dead in our sins, STILL makes God unfair for creating people that would not choose Him)
- Pastor Keith used Amos 3:2, Psalm 1:6 with Matthew 7:23, and Genesis 4:1 to explain that “to know” carries the idea of a special relationship that has been entered.
  - Is there one passage that helped make that clear for you?
  - Can you think of other passages where that comes out as well?
- According to Ephesians 1 God foreknew us before the world was formed. How can God foreknow (enter a special relationship) us before the world came to be?
- How would you answer the question of “Is it fair that God would choose some and not others?”
  - Do you think that people ever take into account our starting position before God - that we are sinners running straight for hell? Why or why not.
  - How does that understanding help us when we think about God foreknowing and foreloving us?
- Pastor Keith talked about God “wooing” us into relationship with Him by revealing Himself to us. Another word that could be used is calling us. How did God call you to Himself?
  - Can you look back and see events or people that God used to woo you?
- How does the verse about God being for us change in light of God loving you and entering into a special relationship with you before the world began?
- Do you think that some people, or even some churches or denominations get arrogant about this idea that God chose them?
  - Why would they do that?
  - What would a solution be for becoming arrogant?