

**New Life**  
**“Chosen | Whosoever”**  
**Romans 8:29-30**

**(Read 8:29-30)**

(vs. 29) “*foreknowledge*” – “know something beforehand”.

**I. Chosen**

*“foreknowledge” - God in His sovereignty choses beforehand who will be saved and who will not.*

1. Unconditional election – God choses who will be saved and who will not.

***Ephesians 1:4, “He chose us in him before the foundation of the world”***

2. Irresistible grace
3. Limited atonement – Jesus died to atone for the sins of those who have been chosen and are the elect.

**II. Whosoever**

*“foreknowledge” – God knows beforehand who will accept Him and who will reject Him.*

1. Conditional election – Your salvation is not predetermined.
2. Resistible grace – You can accept or reject God’s offer of grace.
3. Universal atonement – Christ died for all people. Whosoever may come to Christ.

***Ezekiel 33:11, “As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from his way and live...”***

***John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***

***1 Timothy 2:4, “who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”***

***2 Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”***

***1 John 2:2, “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”***

### **III. Two Dangers**

- 1. If you accept predestination as God choosing some to be saved then you have to accept double predestination that God chooses others to damnation.**
- 2. It reduces the urgency and need for personal evangelism and missions.**

J.I. Packer: “An **antinomy** exists when a pair of principles stand side by side, seemingly irreconcilable, yet both undeniable. You see that each must be true on its own, but you do not see how they can both be true together.”

### **IV. Three assurances**

- 1. Salvation is the work of God as an expression of His love for sinners**
- 2. God provides salvation by grace through faith**
- 3. God’s purpose is that we would be conformed to the image of His Son**