

**Good News
Secure in Christ**

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Romans 8:28-30

Big Idea: The Gospel is Good News because it declares that we are secure in Christ.

1. Our _____ is secure – Foreknowledge and Calling

A. God chose you to lavish His love on you and adopt you as His son or daughter!

*“Long before he laid down earth’s foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.” **Ephesians 1:4-6** (Message)*

B. You cannot earn or deserve this relationship...relax and enjoy it.

C. You are no longer chained to your past. He has forgiven you and justified you.

*“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin.” **Psalm 32:1-5***

2. Our _____ is secure – God causes all things to work together for our good.

Predestined: God's goal is that we would be conformed to the image of Christ.

God promises to use the good, the bad and the ugly for our good!

A. The good – The kindness of God leads us to repentance and thankfulness.

B. The bad – God uses difficulties and trials to make us more like Jesus.

C. The ugly – God uses traumatic events and even abuse at the hands of others.

3. Our _____ is secure – Glorified – It is good as done!

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6

A. A New Creation – the New Heaven and New Earth

B. A New Body – Our resurrected bodies just like Jesus' (No more sin, pain, sorry)

3. **Vs. 30** includes a long list of theological terms describing what God has done for us in Christ. Which terms do you think you understand, and which are confusing? As a group, using whatever resources are necessary, try to come up with a definition for each of them.
4. What have you learned about yourself and your relationship with Jesus as you have lived through times of crisis and pressure? How has God used these seasons to help you **grow** as a follower of Jesus?
5. How can this passage help you when God calls you to **go** and share the gospel with people in your life who are in the midst of crisis?