

When God's Love Is Silent



Romans 8:28-39



How God Shows His Love

- Zephaniah 3:17
- exulting with joy
- rejoicing with shouts of joy
- silence!
 - “He is silently planning for you in love”



God's Silent Plans of Love

- Romans 8:29-30
 1. Chosen by foreknowledge
 2. Predestined
 3. Called
 4. Justified
 5. Glorified



1. Chosen by foreknowledge

- Romans 8:29a
- I Peter 1:1-2 – chosen according to foreknowledge
- God, who knows the future, foreknew (knew beforehand) that you would respond to the gospel and be born again of the Holy Spirit
- So He chose you
- When?...
- Ephesians 1:4 – before the foundations of the world



2. Predestined

1. Ephesians 1:5 – to adoption as sons
2. Romans 8:29b – to look like Christ's identical twin
 - like the 2 parts to an airline ticket
 1. Departure city: adoption as sons
 2. Destination city: conformation to Christ's image



3. Called

- Romans 8:30a
- what you experienced when you were drawn to God
- II Timothy 1:9
- “God... has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.”



4. Justified

- Romans 8:30b
- God then clothes me in Jesus' righteousness, and treats me JUST as IF I'D never sinned



5. Glorified

- Romans 8:30c
- *Remember that God looks at you for who you will be – glorified – as if it's already who you are*



What now?

- Romans 8:31-35
- (v31) Who can be against us?
 - God took our side by giving up His own Son for us!
- (v33) Who shall bring a charge against us?
 - God already said you never did it (justified you)
- (v34) Who will condemn us?
 - ref: the story of Haman (Esther 6)
 - Jesus is interceding on our behalf
- (v35) Who shall separate us from Christ's love?...



The Life of an Overwhelming Conqueror

Romans 8:35

- tribulation
- distress
- persecution
- famine
- nakedness
- peril
- sword

Romans 8:38-39

- neither death nor life
- neither angels nor principalities
- neither the present nor the future
- nothing high nor low
- no created thing

*The secret to an overwhelmingly conquering life
is abiding in the silent love of God.*

The Father's Song...



I have heard so many songs
Listened to a thousand tongues
But there is one
That sounds above them all
The Father's song
The Father's love
You sung it over me and for eternity
It's written on my heart

Heaven's perfect melody
The Creator's symphony
You are singing over me
The Father's song
Heaven's perfect mystery
The king of love has sent for me
And now you're singing over me
The Father's song

~ Matt Redman ~