
The Purpose of Prosperity, Part II (Justified and Glorified)

God's Plan To Prosper You

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Sermon: God's Plan To Prosper You: The Purpose of Prosperity, Part II (Justified and Glorified)

Lesson Text

Romans 8:28–30 (AV)²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 1:16-17 (AV)¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 8:17–18 (AV)¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Introduction

This series, “God’s Plan To Prosper You”, consists of what we call “The Five P’s”:

1. God’s got a **Plan** – Jeremiah 29:11, “I know the Plans I have for you”
2. God gives us a **Promise** – Joshua 1:8, “You shall have Good Success”
3. God shows us the **Path**– Proverbs 3:6, “He shall direct your Path”
4. **God has a Purpose – Romans 8:28, “Called according to His Purpose”**
5. God wants us to **Prosper** – Psalms 35:27, “God takes Pleasure in Our Prosperity”

God’s Plan to Prosper us not only comes with a Promise, and a Path, but there’s a purpose behind it.

Genesis 12:³ And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

In order for us to walk in this Purpose of Prosperity, we must go through its four stages!

- Romans 8:³⁰ Moreover whom he did **predestinate**, them he also **called**: and whom he called, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**.

Last week we looked at the first two stages of God’s Purpose to Prosper us:

- We are **Predestined** with Purpose
 - Predestinate doesn’t mean that your life is predetermined, it means that once you get into God's plan, your destiny is guaranteed.

- Philippians 1:⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:
- We are ***Called*** with Purpose
 - Don't be too busy looking for the call, when the call has already been placed; just answer it, check your voicemail, answering machine, or inbox.
 - Matthew 22:¹⁴ **For many are called, but few *are* chosen.**
- And when we answer the call, we walk in the purpose of prosperity
 - Genesis 12:¹ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
 - We must leave our Comfort Zone (Father's House) to be Great
 - We must leave our Familiar Zone (Kinfolks) to be Blessed
 - We must leave our Safety Zone (Country) to be A Blessing

Today's message will explore the final two stages of Purpose; Justification and Glorification.

Although on paper we have not earned, nor do we deserve the prosperity, success, and blessings of the Lord; God, nevertheless, qualifies and justifies us to receive them, and then uses us to Glorify him to the world.

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“Justified with Purpose, Glorified with Purpose”

I. Justified with Purpose

Romans 8:³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, ***them he also justified***: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Justification means the action of showing something to be right. The reason for something that exists or has been done. The rationale behind an action taken.

For example, a person is justified for the promotion because they were the hardest worker or best contributor; or justified in the acquittal because the evidence proved them innocent.

Theologically, justification is the action of declaring or making one righteous in the sight of God.

And herein lies the problem, we have no justifiable reason to be made righteous in God's eyes.

- Jeremiah 17:⁹ The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
- Isaiah 64:⁶ But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
- Romans 7:²¹ I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Although we don't deserve it, have not earned it, will never warrant ever receiving it; yet God justifies us for prosperity and success.

So how does God justify us? By reckoning our account!

Romans 8:¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The word reckon here means to settle the account. And the problem is our account is negative due to our deceitful heart; it's negative due to our filthy rags; it's negative because of the evil present with us.

So, God justifies us by reckoning our account with the righteousness of Jesus Christ

Romans 1:¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Revelation 12: ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

II. Glorified with Purpose

Romans 8: ³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, ***them he also glorified.***

God's purpose for prosperity is to use us to bring the blessings of the Lord to the world.

- We are predestined to Prosper
- We are called to Prosper
- We are Justified to Prosper
- And finally, we are Glorified to Prosper

Romans 8:¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. First, we are glorified as joint-heirs with Christ

- 2 Corinthians 5:¹⁷ Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- 1 John 4:⁴ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Next, we are glorified through suffering with Christ

- Psalm 34:¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
- James 1:² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; ³ Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

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Finally, we are glorified through the Glory of Christ revealed in us.

- 1 Peter 5:¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.
- Romans 8:¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- 2 Corinthians 3:¹⁸ But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Purpose of Prosperity, Part II (Justified and Glorified))

Lesson Text

- Romans 8:28–30, Romans 1:16-17, Romans 8:17–18

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Justified with Purpose*

II. *Glorified with Purpose*

Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. If you were starting a company today, what would the top three core values for your company be?
2. Would you rather have popcorn or M & M’s? Coffee or tea? Pancakes or waffles?

II. Into the Bible

1. Does God withhold prosperity from us when we sin or because of our sins? What scriptures support your answer?
2. What does it mean to be a joint-heir with Christ? What are God’s heirs inheriting?

III. Life Application

1. God settled our debt to Him by giving us credit for the righteousness of Christ. What is the righteousness of Christ?
2. How are we glorified through suffering?