

**Harmony of the Gospels**  
Part 4  
**“Who’s In Control Anyway?”**

There was a young officer in the Navy who had always dreamed of commanding a battleship.

He finally achieved that dream and was given a commission on the newest and most high battleship ever built.

One stormy night this new Captain was on the bridge as his ship was plowing through the rough seas.

Off to the port side, he spotted a strange light rapidly closing into his ship.

Immediately he ordered the signalman to flash a message to the unidentified ship; “***Alter your course 10 degrees south.***”

Just a few moments later, a reply came back; “***Alter your course 10 degrees to the North.***”

Determined that his ship would not take a back seat to no other, the captain snapped off the order again: “***Alter your course ten degrees south...I am the CAPTAIN!***”

The response came back immediately, “***Alter your course 10 degrees North...I am Seaman ?Third Class Jones.***”

Now infuriated, the captain grabbed the signal light with his own hands and fired off the message again “***Alter your course 10 degrees South, I am a Battleship.***”

Quickly The reply came back again, “***Alter your course 10 degrees North, I AM A LIGHTHOUSE...***”

**I think that sometimes we feel like we are the ones in control of our lives**

- ☞ **We make our plans as if** we know what is going to happen in the future.
- ☞ **We order our days** as if we want them to turn out a certain way.
- ☞ **Sometimes though** we are like the Captain of this battleship, ordering the ship of our life on the course WE want.
- ☞ **Thinking that we are really in control**, Until suddenly we find ourselves on a collision course...
- ☞ **All the while forgetting** that there is a Lighthouse out there that is there to show us the way.

### Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light;

### John 12:46

**(Jesus Said)** I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness

Just how involved in your everyday life is the Lord?

- ☞ **Does He pretty much just let things happen** as they may, or does He have a plan?
- ☞ **How detailed** is His plan during your day?
- ☞ **How involved** in the events of your life is He?

**In the Old Testament, the Lord told Abraham that his descendants would be slaves for 400 years in a land that was not their own.**

### Genesis 15:13

Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them **four hundred years**

- ☞ **Now, When the Lord spoke this to Abraham,** it was about the year 2100 B.C.
- ☞ **It would not be fulfilled** until 1875 B.C..
- ☞ **How could the Lord know** that an entire nation was going to be put into slavery 225 years before it happened?



### Deuteronomy 4:35

To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him

### Romans 4:17

...**God, who** gives life to the dead and **calls those things which do not exist as though they did;**

**In the Bible, the Lord spoke of events that were going to happen in the future, so that we would know that when they did happen, He is the ONLY LORD.**

- ☞ **He did this** so that you would know that you can trust in His Word in the Bible.
- ☞ **When the Lord spoke,** He was not predicting the future, **He was speaking as One who had been there in the future** already and seen everything that is going to happen.
- ☞ **The Lord that we serve** knows what is going to happen in our lives, and He is in control of every Micro second of it.



In the book of Genesis, Joseph and his family lived in Canaan and Joseph's brothers hated him.

- ☞ **They devised a plan** to sell Joseph to the Midianite traders that came their way.
- ☞ **Joseph ended up...**guess where? Egypt.

### **Genesis 37:28**

Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And **they took Joseph to Egypt**

- ☞ **When Joseph is in Egypt**, the Pharaoh has a dream where he sees 7 fat cows eaten by 7 skinny cows.
- ☞ **This is one bizarre dream**, as you will see by the picture I am going to show you in a minute...

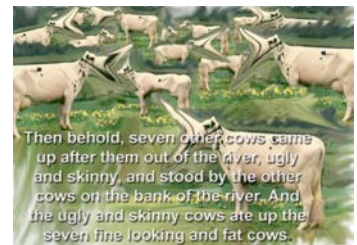
### **Genesis 41:1-4**

1 Then it came to pass, at the end of two full years, that **Pharaoh had a dream**; and behold, he stood by the river.

2 Suddenly there came up out of the river **seven cows, fine looking and fat**; and they fed in the meadow.

3 Then behold, **seven other cows came up after them** out of the river, ugly and gaunt, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the river.

4 And **the ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven fine looking and fat cows**. So Pharaoh awoke...



- ☞ **This dream** greatly troubles the Pharaoh.
- ☞ **Word comes** that Joseph has the ability to interpret dreams.
- ☞ **Joseph is brought in before Pharaoh** he tells him that he cannot interpret dreams but the Lord that he serves can give him the interpretation of the dream.

### **Genesis 41:16-31**

16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "**It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh** an answer of peace.

25 Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, ... God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:

26 **The seven good cows are seven years... the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them are seven years... of famine.**

28 This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do.

29 Indeed **seven years of great plenty will come** throughout all the land of Egypt;

30 but **after them seven years of famine will arise**, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land.

31 So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe.

As a result of Joseph being able to interpret the dream of Pharaoh, Joseph is elevated to the second in command of all the world.

### **Genesis 41:37-40**

37 So **the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh** and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, **“Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?”**

39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

40 **You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.**

Did you get that?

- ☞ **Joseph’s own family** turned against him.
- ☞ **He was sold** as a slave in Egypt.
- ☞ **When he got to Egypt**, Joseph was falsely accused by Pharaoh’s wife, and thrown in prison.
- ☞ **Despite all** that the world tried to do to Joseph to destroy him, the Lord worked it all out for good.
- ☞ **And HE WILL DO THE SAME FOR YOU!**

Sure enough, there were 7 years of incredible harvest in Egypt, then 7 years of world wide famine.

- ☞ **The 7 years of fatness** were eaten up by 7 years of leanness.
- ☞ **During this famine**, Joseph’s family is back in Canaan, and were starving. They had heard that there was food to be purchased in Egypt.
- ☞ **So Jacob send his sons to Egypt to buy food**, all of Joseph’s brother’s and eventually even his father Jacob, came to Egypt.
- ☞ **At first, the Pharaoh of Egypt** loved Joseph and his family, but after that Pharaoh died and a new one came, he was afraid of the large numbers that Jacob’s family had become...
- ☞ **He made the descendants of Jacob slaves**, making bricks for his treasure cities.
- ☞ **They ended up spending the next 400 years there**, as slaves just as the Lord had told Abraham was going to happen 225 years before.

Life seems to always be against Joseph, despite all that he tried to do...

- ☞ **But working behind the scenes**, all along, Joseph perhaps not even aware, his life was being ordered by the Lord.

Now don’t miss this...**The Lord caused a world wide famine**, just to get Joseph and his family to Egypt, so that He could fulfill His word that He had spoken to Abraham.

- ☞ **Would the Lord really** go to such great lengths to fulfill His Word?

- ⊖ **Would he move the entire world**, just to get one family in the right place at the right time, so God's Word could be fulfilled?

**Well, this is exactly what happened to Joseph and Mary.**

- ⊖ **As our story continues** in the Harmony of the Gospels, the Lord is going to move the entire world, just to get Joseph to the right town, so that His word can be fulfilled.

### **Luke 2:1-7**

1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

Rome took a census every 14 years for military and tax purposes.

- ⊖ **Roman law required** that every man had to return to the place of his ancestors birth, to register for the tax survey.
- ⊖ **Joseph's family was from Bethlehem**, so he had to go there to fulfill the requirements of the Roman law.

### **Micah 5:2**

**But you, Bethlehem** Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.

**This prophecy written by the prophet Micah**

- ⊖ **Micah wrote this 800 years** before Jesus was born, that when He came, He would be born in Bethlehem.
- ⊖ **Micah was a man from a little town** called **Moreseth**, 20 miles south of Jerusalem.
- ⊖ **And yet from a man in a small town**, comes one of the greatest prophecies in the Bible, that Jesus will come from Bethlehem.
- ⊖ **You might be just one man or one woman** in a little town called "**Winslow**", where no one expects anything good to happen, but out of you and this little town, the Lord can do amazing things.

This is one of those great truths that prove that the Bible is Gods Word, in that 800 years before it happened, the Lord said it would happen.

- ⊖ **Now, in our study this morning**, we are going to see what great lengths the Lord went to, in getting Josephs back to his family's birthplace in Bethlehem.

Would the Lord really cause the Roman Government to cause the whole world to have to go back to their place of their ancestors birth, just to fulfill His word...Yes....

### **This is what Bethlehem looks like today**



Jesus, **just so God could fulfill His word that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.**

☞ **In the Book of Genesis** The Lord cause Joseph to go to Egypt, even as a slave, so that his whole family could be saved and God could fulfill His Word.

☞ **This morning, The Lord will cause** a world wide census to take place, just at the time when Mary was about to give birth to

And here is what is very exciting to us...**that the Lord is still doing these same kinds of things today in your life**, moving any set of circumstances into place so that He can fulfill all of His promises in your life.

☞ **No you say**, the Lord only does things like that in the lives of special servants of His.

☞ **Really**, and what are you? You are one of His most special servants.

☞ **The Lord has not changed** from how He did things in the Old Testament.

☞ **He still moves mountains** to get His will done in your life.

### **Malachi 3:6**

“For I am the LORD, I do not change

### **Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**In 1990, I had felt as if the Lord would not be able to use me in the ministry, because I had been through a divorce.**

☞ **I had felt that if a man could not** take care of the affairs of his own household, they he was not fit to serve the Lord in His house.

☞ **Back In 1988**, I had come home from church one Sunday and received the news from my wife that she wanted a divorce and she was not willing to change her mind, despite mine and the churches attempts.

I had always wanted to be a Calvary Chapel pastor and teach the people the Word of God.

☞ **But I felt disqualified** because of the failure of my marriage.

☞ **Elsie encouraged me** to start a home Bible study to see what the Lord would do.

- ☞ **So we began**, and for the first year, the only guy that came to our house for Bible study was Elsie's brother Joe.
- ☞ **I think the only reason Joe came** was because he was single and hungry and we always had lots of food after Bible study.

**Well after a year, in the second year we began to grow to about 40 people.**

- ☞ **We began attending a little Calvary Chapel** in Roseville California.
- ☞ **I never told my pastor** that I had always wanted to be a pastor.
- ☞ **One day I was riding in my pastors car** with him and he turned to me out of the blue and said, *"This might sound strange to you, but I feel that the Lord has told me to ordain you as a pastor and send you out to start a church..."*
- ☞ **I could not believe it**, I thought that I didn't have a chance of ever being a pastor.
- ☞ **I thought that because I had blown it** so many times in my life that God couldn't use someone like me.

**I was wrong...**

Well, that year, 1994, the Lord told us to sell our house and everything we owned, sell our contracting business, buy a 5th wheel, leave California and go...

- ☞ **Go where** Lord?
- ☞ **Don't worry about where**, you go, I will tell you when you get there.
- ☞ **For 1 and 1/2 years** we traveled 38,000 miles. All over the western United States.

I had found a couple places I wanted to put down roots and stay.

- ☞ **Montana**, No the Lord said.
- ☞ **The coast of Oregon**, No the Lord told me.

**We came to Arizona at the beginning of the Winter of 1995, to spend it in a warm climate.**

- ☞ **While in Phoenix**, that next spring, Elsie became sick and was hospitalized.
- ☞ **She was so sick** that the doctors were not sure if she would make it.
- ☞ **I hurt my back in a fall**, and couldn't work.

We came up to the Mogollon Rim to recuperate that summer of 95, because it was just too hot in Phoenix.

- ☞ **The Lord told** us to stay in Northern Arizona, that we were not going to leave.
- ☞ **He told us to buy** an old house in Heber.
- ☞ **I went to the bank** and told them that we wanted to buy this old run down house.
- ☞ **"We don't have any down payment**, and we don't have a job".
- ☞ **"Well how are we going to do this"**. The lady at the bank said".
- ☞ **I don't know**, all I know is the Lord told us to buy it".

- ☞ **She said**, “Oh...The Lord told you to buy it, oh now I see...”

Well, the loan was approved, but the day we went into sign the paperwork, **the lady at the bank called us into her office, she had tears in her eyes.**

- ☞ *“I’m sorry, something just came up and we cant make the loan.”*
- ☞ **I asked her what it was**, she said that it was something about our record showing that our last VA loan on our house in Californian had not been paid off yet.
- ☞ **She said** it **could take months** to straighten it out.
- ☞ **I asked her to call** the VA.
- ☞ **She told me that they never talk on the phone** about matters like this, you have to request it in writing.
- ☞ **I said to her** *“The Lord told us that He was going to do this, so try to call them.”*

She got the exact person on the phone that she needed to talk to.

- ☞ **After a couple of minutes** he came back on the phone and said that he went and manually **checked the records and that VA loan had been paid**, she could go ahead and close our loan on the house in Heber.

**When she hung up the phone, she began to cry...**

- ☞ **She had just seen the mighty power of the God** we serve to move in impossible circumstances.
- ☞ **And so had we.**

Well., we lived in Heber 2 years, waiting for the Lord to move and let us enter the ministry.

- ☞ **On Wednesday** of one particular week, I was sitting alone, asking the Lord if I had not heard Him correctly when I thought He said to stay in Heber and wait for Him.
- ☞ **It had been 2 years** and nothing had happened yet.
- ☞ **I was at the point** where I wanted to give up.

That afternoon the Phone rang.

- ☞ **It was Bryan Richardson** from Calvary Chapel Pinetop.
- ☞ **Elsie and I had been attending** there for 2 years.
- ☞ **Bryan said:** *“Rob would you be willing to go down to Holbrook and Winslow this Sunday to teach, they just lost their pastor...”*

**When we got down there, Pastor Church Smith of Calvary Costa Mesa had sent one of His pastors, Bob Hoekstra to Holbrook.**

- ☞ **Bob told us** that he would teach on Sunday, to try and encourage the people over the loss of their pastor.

- ☞ **He asked Elsie and I to stay** and go to both services with him in Holbrook and Winslow that Sunday morning.

That next week we invited Bob to stay at our Home in Heber, and we offered to drive him back and forth to the two churches for all of the services.

- ☞ **This way he could save money** on staying in a hotel and paying for a rental car for the next two weeks.
- ☞ **After two weeks we had just fallen in love** with the people of Winslow and Holbrook.
- ☞ **On the last Thursday**, as we were headed to Holbrook, Bob turned to me and said:
- ☞ *“You know, I have really been praying about this, and I feel like the Lord told me that you and Elsie should stay here and be their new pastor, what do you think?”*

**I couldn't believe it, My hopes, my dreams, all came to pass in a single moment.**

- ☞ **Just when I thought** that the Lord had forgotten about me.
- ☞ **Just when I thought that I would never see** the Lord do anything like this in my life, He did it.

**The Lord wants to encourage you this morning that the very things that are going on in your life right now, He has brought them into place, so that He can accomplish His will in your life.**

- ☞ **If you begin to fight your circumstances**, then you are fighting His will for your life.
- ☞ **If you complain over your circumstances**, then you are complaining against His plan for your life.
- ☞ **If you are depressed over your circumstances**, why are you depressed, The Lord has not forgotten you.

**Listen...**

- ☞ **When Jesus died for all of us**, the Bible says that the Father gave to Him, all the treasures of the entire Universe.
- ☞ **When Jesus gave Himself for you**, He also gave you a share in all that the Father has given to Him.
- ☞ **Think of this**, Jesus is God, and along with that great title, comes all of the rights and privileges that are due Jesus...
- ☞ **But, Jesus inheritance** is You and I.
- ☞ **Because of Jesus obedience to the Fathers will, all of the riches and wonderful things in this great Universe are His, and yours also, that is a fact.**

### **Romans 8:16-18**

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and **if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ**, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

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

**The New Living Translation is a little clearer:**

**Romans 8:17-18**

17 And **since we are his children, we will share his treasures—for everything God gives to his Son, Christ, is ours, too.** But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later.

**We have no rights to heaven because of anything that we have done.**

- ☞ **The ONLY reason** we are going to heaven is because of what Jesus has done for us Already.
- ☞ **Have you had all of your sins forgiven? Then it was only because Jesus shed His blood for you.**
- ☞ **Are you Justified** before the Father this morning? **Then it is only because of Jesus Righteousness.**
- ☞ **Are you being Sanctified daily** to become more and more like Jesus? **It is only because He is working in you everyday, not because of what you do or don't do.**

I talk to defeated Christians every week who tell me how unworthy they are of the Lords love.

- ☞ **They tell me how unworthy** they are to lead us in worship.
- ☞ **How unworthy they are to teach** in the children's; ministry.'
- ☞ **How unworthy they are to serve** as an Elder.
- ☞ **How unworthy they are to even be called** "A Christian".

**Exactly!, that is the point!**, there is none of us here this morning that is worthy of all the Love and the forgiveness and the great things that the Lord has done for us...

- ☞ **We are only worthy** because of what JESUS HAS ALREADY DONE FOR US.
- ☞ **If we are going to be like Jesus**, it will only be because **He does it in us.**
- ☞ **If we are going to make it to heaven**, it is only because Jesus paid the price.

So why do we act like we are not going to make it, or like we are not worthy of serving the Lord when we fail and fall?

- ☞ **Listen dear brother and sister who feels so unworthy**, Your worthiness has already been settled, from the moment that you asked Jesus to come into your heart and forgive all of your sins.

### Stop looking back at your past...

- ☞ **Look forward**, there are crowns waiting for you.
- ☞ **Look forward**, you are going to walk on golden streets.
- ☞ **Look forward**, there is a day when you will never hurt again.
- ☞ **Look forward**, when there will not be any disappointments with your self.
- ☞ **Look with the eyes of faith** that say, *“I believe what you said Lord.”*

*“I already am yours”, I already am a citizen of Heaven, I already am redeemed and nothing is going to change that”.*

**There is a day coming quickly when all the days of sorrow on this earth will be swallowed up with all the joys of heaven.**

- ☞ Jesus has come.
- ☞ Jesus has died
- ☞ Jesus has rose
- ☞ Jesus lives for you.
- ☞ So you live for Him, He is coming quickly, and His reward is with Him.

### Now lets look at this precious one that made all of this possible.

- ☞ **If you were the God of the Universe**, and you were coming to one of the planets that you had made, to the people you had made, how would YOU come?
- ☞ **How do movie stars** and celebrities come when they arrive?
- ☞ **Limousines, Learjet**, Yacht, lights, hoopla, cameras, spectacle...



**And yet, here is how our God arrived, when He came to us...**

### **Luke 2**

6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Jesus did not come in Regal and Splendor.

- ☞ **He didn't show up** at the academy awards in a Black stretch limo.
- ☞ **He didn't have a Lear Jet**, or 100's of people around him to attend to His every need.

He came to a poor family, that already had a scandal on their name.

- ⊕ **Mary was just a teenager**, and found to be pregnant with someone else's baby, while she was engaged to Joseph.
- ⊕ **Joseph had his hopes and dreams shattered**, as the one he wanted to spend his life with, had apparently been with another man.

Now, they have to make a journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

- ⊕ **Do you know how far** that is? **80 Miles!**
- ⊕ **What is Mary's condition?** She is ready to have a baby at any minute.
- ⊕ **How many ladies** would want to travel on the back of a Donkey for a distance of 80 miles, when you were 9 months pregnant?

And yet, the Lord has already made a promise back in the Book of Micah that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem.

- ⊕ **No one would willingly make an 80 mile journey** on a Donkey when they were 9 months pregnant.
- ⊕ **This must have seemed like** a horrible trial for Joseph and Mary.

*“Lord I thought you loved us, I thought you were going to use us to bring your son into this world, then why do we have to have it so hard?”*

You see, this is the reality of how our lives are going to be, the Lord is working his best works in us, through the things of your life that hurt and disappoint us the most.

### **Ephesians 1:11**

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will

The word here “**Predestined**”, means to “**Mark out or determine beforehand.**”

- ⊕ **Predestined means** that the Lord determined before He made the Universe, how every single second of time, and every single event in the Universe would take place.
- ⊕ **He Predestined** that you would be saved and make it to heaven.
- ⊕ **He predestined every single second of your life**, because He ordered it before the world was made.
- ⊕ **He could predestine us to be saved**, because He was able to see in advance who would choose Jesus Christ.
- ⊕ **Based upon His advanced knowledge** that you would choose Jesus as your Lord and Savior, He predestined you to eternal life.
- ⊕ **But, at the same time**, He holds personally responsible, every one of us to exercise our free will and choose Jesus.
- ⊕ **He will hold us accountable**, for the decision we make, either for or against Jesus.
- ⊕ **Predestined also includes** all other events that are going to happen in the entire Universe.

**In the Lord Predestining all things in the Universe, it is important to understand that :**

1. **Every single event in all of Time here on the earth**, and in eternity in the Universe, Including your Salvation, was Caused by the Lord.
2. **There are also those events** that have and will happen in the Universe that the Lord **Permits to happen.**

**The Lord did not Predestine the evil acts of men, nor did he cause them.**

- ☞ **If this was true**, it would make the Lord the creator of evil.
- ☞ **What it does mean** is that **the Lord knowing in advance how men and women would act under various circumstances, determined ahead of time to permit them to act in these ways.**
- ☞ **By permitting this**, He made these acts as certain to happen as if they were a part of His total plan.
- ☞ **Yet, He still leaves all men and women** fully responsible for what they do.

*The Lord knows all events that will happen, ahead of time, then they are just as certain as if they had been predestined.*

**Two examples of this, are found in Acts 2 and Luke chapter 22:**

### **Acts 2:23**

Jesus, being delivered by the **determined purpose and foreknowledge of God**, you **have taken** by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

In Acts 2:23, we see that Jesus was both delivered up to be crucified for us, **by the advanced knowledge and will of the Father**, while at the same time, **the men that crucified him are responsible for their own acts** in putting Jesus to death.

- ☞ **In this one verse we have both** the Absolute power and control of God, and the free choice of men together at the same time.

### **Luke 22:22**

And truly the Son of Man goes **as it has been determined**, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

This is an amazing verse, it means that before the earth was ever made, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit determined that Jesus would come to earth to die for us.

- ☞ **“But woe to that man** by whom Jesus was crucified”.
- ☞ **In other words**, the people that carried out the crucifixion are also responsible for what they did.

**You will have to really think on this for awhile before it will start to sink in.**

- ☞ **What this means for us this morning**, is that long before you were ever born, the Lord knew that you would accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- ☞ **Based on that knowledge**, He determined that you would make it to heaven.
- ☞ **You would be totally perfect**, with not one sin on your record.
- ☞ **That you would be His** forever.

And here is the really good part...ALL THAT IS ALREADY DONE!

- ☞ **That is what** Ephesians 4:11 means.
- ☞ **All your worries** about how many times you fail and fall into sin again and again.
- ☞ **All your doubts** and fears about whether or not you really are saved, has already been settled.

To the Father, He has already predetermined that you are His, nothing can change that, not your failures, not your doubts, or fears, nothing.

### **Romans 8:37-39**

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **2 questions for you this morning.**

1. **Are you saved yet?** Have you heard that Jesus died for you upon the Cross, and has already paid for every sin that you have ever done?

Do you understand that if you accept Jesus Christ into your heart this morning, that **at the moment you do, all of you past, present and future sins are removed** as if they never existed.

**In God's eyes, you are perfect**, therefore you have permission to enter heaven and live with Him forever.

**It was not based on how good or bad you are**, it is based on what Jesus has already done.

If you accept what Jesus has done, and ask Jesus by faith to come into your heart and save you, He will.

2. **If you are saved**, you have invited Jesus into your life and He has forgiven all your sins, **they why are you living like you are still not sure it you are saved?**

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Since the Lord has already Predestined you to heaven, because you accepted Jesus, He knew you were His and going to heaven, before He made this earth.

It is time this morning **to GET IT.**

**You are His**, now start living like you know you are His.

**How should the son or daughter of the Most High God live... Live that way!**