

November 24 Saturday

PREDESTINATED

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

Eph. 1:11

How wonderful it is to realize that our inheritance of salvation is not dependant upon anything that we can do to earn it. We are not saved because we live better lives than others. We are not saved because we were so good that we chose to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We are not saved even because we were good enough to believe on Him. We are saved only because of His unmerited grace. Both faith and good works are gifts of God. They are given to us by the Lord Jesus Christ if we are His, because He has predestinated us unto eternal salvation.

What a wonderful comfort it is to know that our life in Christ does not depend upon our weak selves. There is nothing that we can do that could win His approval. Jesus Christ died on the cross "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Before the foundation of the world God predestinated those who are to be saved. He causes that all who are predestinated should put their faith in Christ.

Oh, what a wonderful truth! Yet sometimes people think that it might lead them to despair. It never will if properly understood. If you have within you a longing for eternal things, you need not fear that you are not one of the predestinated. Forsake your sin and turn to Christ! Believe on Him! His spirit will enter into your heart and you will know that you are one of those whom He predestinated before the foundation of the earth.

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