The reason For It All

God calls and saves people He chose to love before the beginning of time. It was His choice to love them; nothing outside of Himself influenced it; He made it for His own purpose. In this study we are returning to Romans 8:29 – 30 to find out what that purpose is.

- What does it mean "...to be conformed to the image of His Son" (verse 28)?

- Why does Paul consider it necessary for us to be conformed to the image of Jesus?

- When Paul says God's purpose is that Jesus should be the firstborn among many brethren, what does that say about the future for every believer?

- What does the word “glorified” mean when it is applied to believers?

- Why does Paul use the past tense when He writes about everyone who has been called by God being glorified?

- How could verses 29 and 30 help you to persevere through times of suffering?

For Further Study

If you want to look further into the things we have been learning about predestination and the security of God’s children there are many helpful books available. A good starting point would be John Piper’s booklet, “Five Points — Towards A Deeper Experience Of God’s Grace.” It is available to download free from www.desiringgod.org.