

Deacon's Beacons

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For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29

This goes on to say that those who are predestined are also called, justified and glorified. The term "predestined" carries a connotation that causes debate and division. Calvin uses the term to say that not all are destined for salvation. That implies that God creates some people for the expressed purpose of damnation. As Catholics, and particularly those who grew up with the Baltimore Catechism, such an idea should be revolting. It would seem to denigrate the very nature of God. It also means that our doctrine of Free Will is moot. It means that some are created to be with God and follow His will and some are not. That interpretation says that God controls our actions. If that is the case, we cannot respond in love to God, We are simply automatons. God did not create us to manipulate us. God made us and loves us and invites us to love Him. To make us love Him or do His will is entirely against His nature. Why did God make us? To love Him and serve Him in this world and to be with Him in the next.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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