

Doctrine of Predestinate

Wuest's Word Studies

1. "Predestinate" is the translation of *proorizo* which is made up of *horizo*, "to divide or separate from as a border or boundary, to mark out boundaries, to mark out, to determine, appoint," and *pro* "before."
2. Thus, the compound word means "to divide or separate from a border or boundary beforehand, to determine or appoint beforehand."
3. The genius of the word is that of placing limitations upon someone or something beforehand, these limitations bringing that person or thing within the sphere of a certain future or destiny.
4. These meanings are carried over into the New Testament usage of the word.
5. Thus, the "chosen-out" ones, have had limitations put around them which bring them within the sphere of becoming God's children by adoption (Eph 1:5), and of being conformed to the image of the Lord Jesus (Rom 8:29).
 - *Romans 8:29 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.*
 - *Ephesians 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*
6. See the other occurrences of *proorizo*.
 - *Acts 4:28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.*
 - *1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*
 - *Ephesians 1:11 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:*