

# Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

17 January 2016

## Topics

**A.M. Bible Class:**

Guest Speaker: Eddie Williams

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**P.M. Lesson:**

Speaker: Bob Mayo

**Wednesday:**

Christian evidences special study, in the Annex

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

***Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2  
Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.***



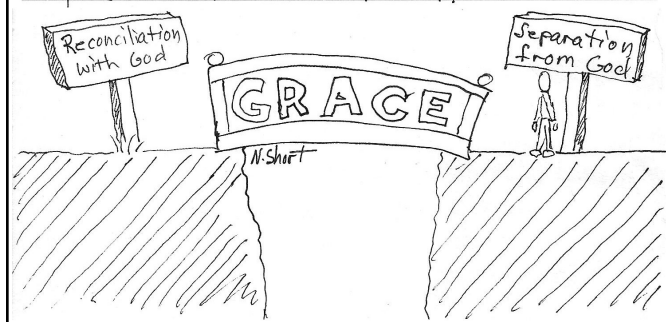
I never understood why going to church made you a hypocrite, because nobody goes to church because they're perfect. If you've got it all together, you don't need to go. You can go jogging with all the other perfect people on Sunday morning. Every time you go to church,

you're confessing again to yourself, to your family, to the people you pass on the way there, that you don't have it all together. And that you need their support. You need their direction. You need some accountability, you need some help.

-Rich Mullins

***And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (Romans 8:28-30, NASB1995)***

Think of salvation as a land of fellowship with God. Condemnation is a land of separation from God. With the Cross of Christ, God built a bridge of grace by which we may be saved. If God expects the alienated person to walk across the bridge, it is nothing close to salvation by works. Having a prescribed method for getting across the bridge (walking) in no way suggests that the person helped to build the bridge! The New Testament prescribes certain acts of obedience to be saved. To recognize as much does not suggest that the believer is attempting to contribute to his own salvation—as if he were crucified for himself or baptized into the name of himself!



## Types and tokens in Romans 8:29-30

Neil Short

When we study Romans 8:29-30, we usually agree that it is not a claim of determination of who will be and who will not be conformed to Christ. It is a

determination of what will happen to those who are called (by their choice, Romans 8:5-11). They will be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ and be glorified. God predestines the consequences of the choice to be in Christ or not; but he does not predestine the choice itself.

An easy-to-remember rule on this passage is "It's the plan and not the man." That rule promotes the correct understanding on Romans 8:29-30. It still may be a little difficult to wrap the mind around.

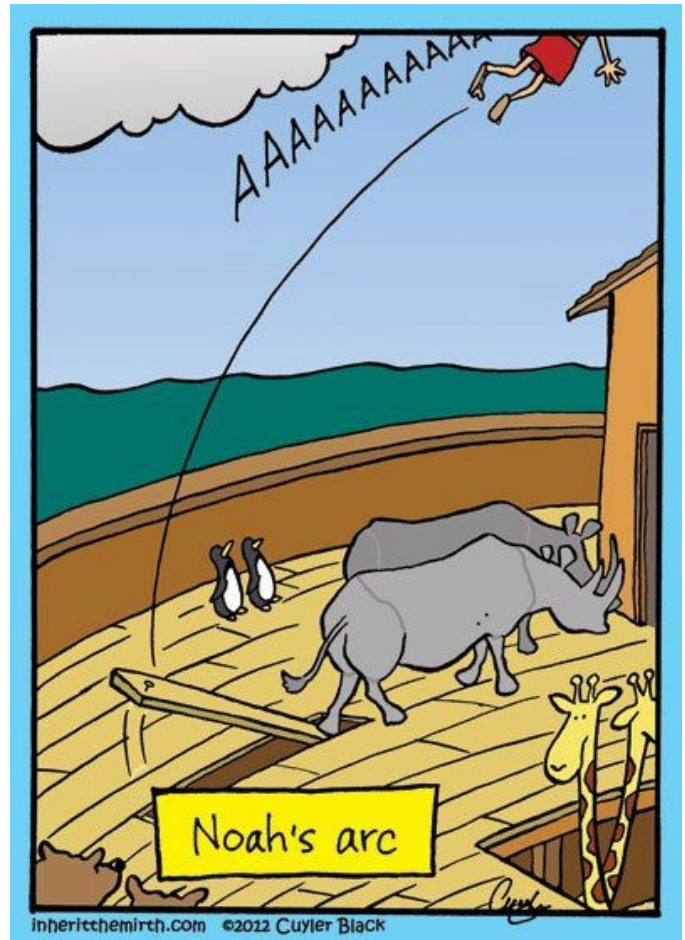


In a recent Facebook conversation, a participant (Adrian Murzac) pointed out the difference between a *type* and a *token*. A *type* defines something that applies to a group of

objects. A *token* is a particular example within the group. Understanding the difference, I think, really helps us appreciate this Bible passage. Consider a flock of birds as it flies around in the sky like a cloud—almost like a single organism. They fly together corporately. The flock represents a *type* of bird. Now, focus on a single bird in the flock. That's a *token*. Consider a school of fish in the ocean that you may have seen on a nature T.V. show. When a shark swims through the school, the school of fish parts and makes a kind of tunnel for the shark to swim through and the shark is unable to catch a single fish in the school. The school of fish is a *type* while a particular fish in the school is a *token*.

What God predestined in Romans 8:29-30 is a *type* of person, not a *token* (particular) person. God predestined a people conformed to the image of Jesus (a *type* of people). He did not predestine any particular individual's choices. Paul never said anywhere that a life choice with eternal-consequences has been pre-made for anybody. That particular choice must be made by the individual person (token). Have you made that most important choice or are you waiting for something?

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## News:

Ken Cocke fell and hurt his shoulder. He is expected to have a lengthy recovery.

Ken Knowlton had surgery on his lip on January 6.

His recovery time is expected to be around a month.

Bob Banfield is Greg and Louella's son-in-law (husband of their daughter Tracy). He has kidney cancer. Surgery treatment is scheduled for January 25.

Fellowship meal is today after A.M. services.

## Extended prayer list:

Robin Richards—depression, back pain

John Cunningham—cancer

Norma Robinson—health

Linda Boling—health

H.L. Boling—general health and complications from leukemia

Ken Knowlton—surgery recovery

Tatyana Knowlton—macular degeneration

Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs

