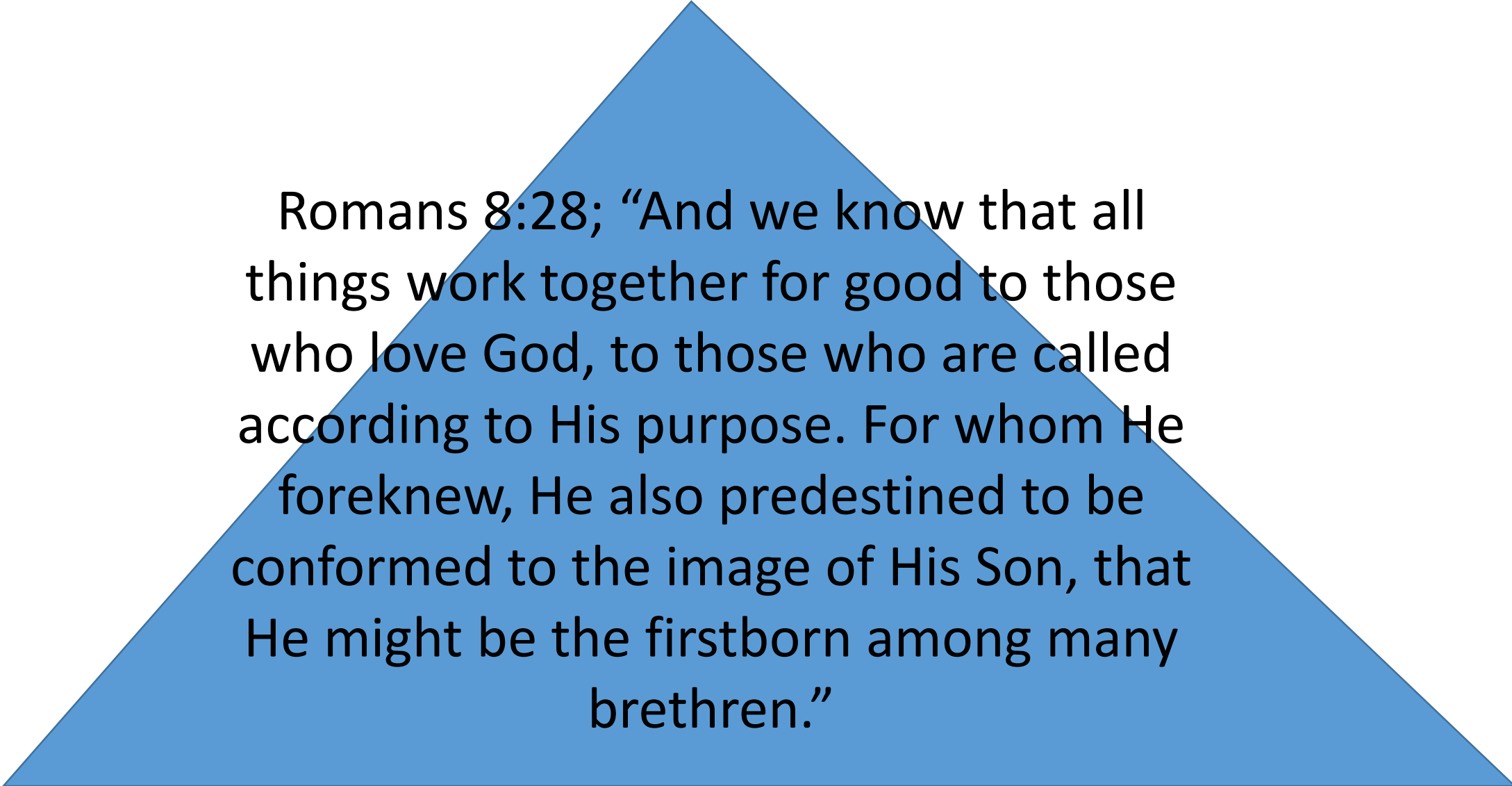


The Purpose of God



Romans 8:28; “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

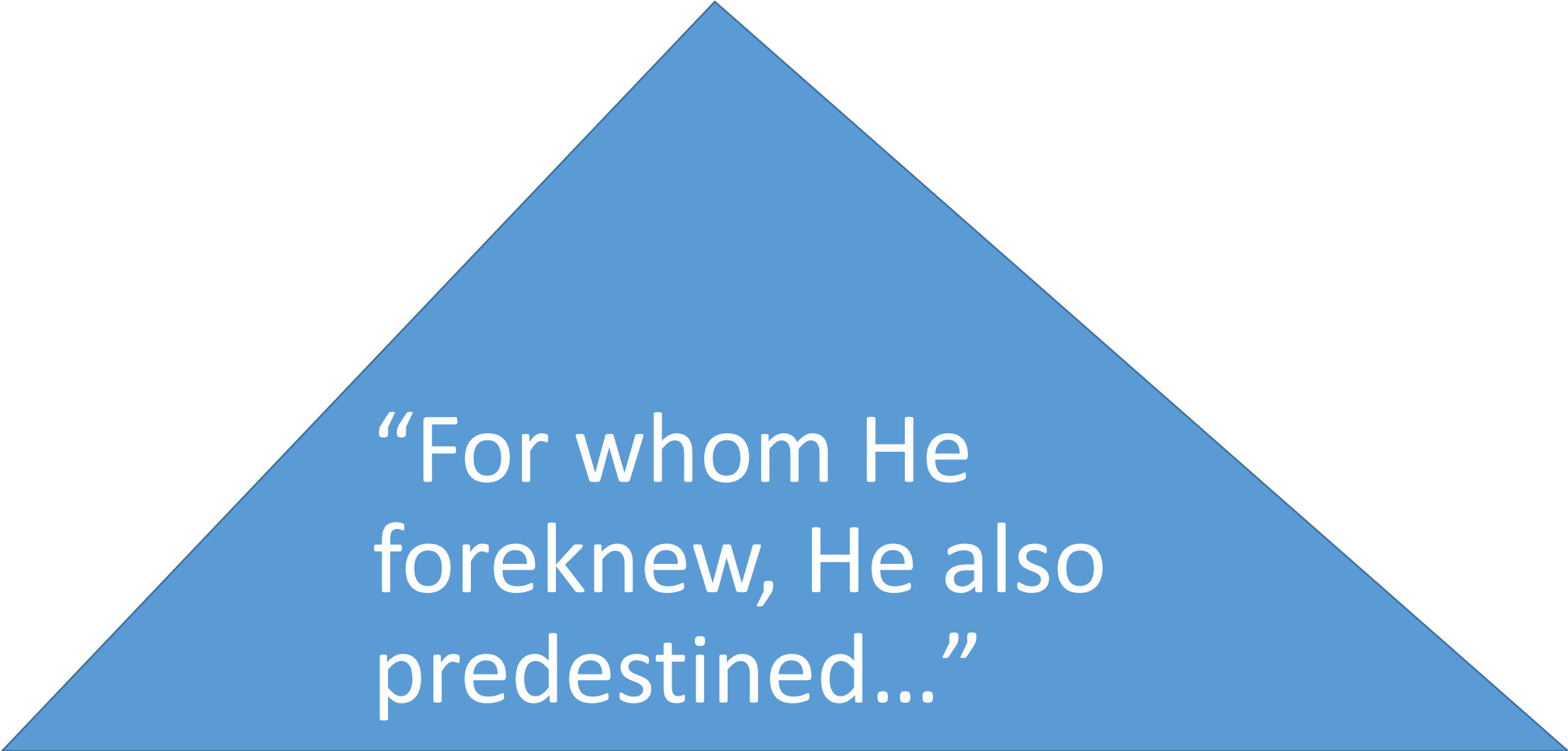
What does it mean “the image of Christ?”

This image is our capacity to know Him more intimately, to fellowship with Him more deeply, and to worship Him more meaningfully!!!

The Process:

II Cor. 3:18; “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

We Must Understand The Predestination of God:

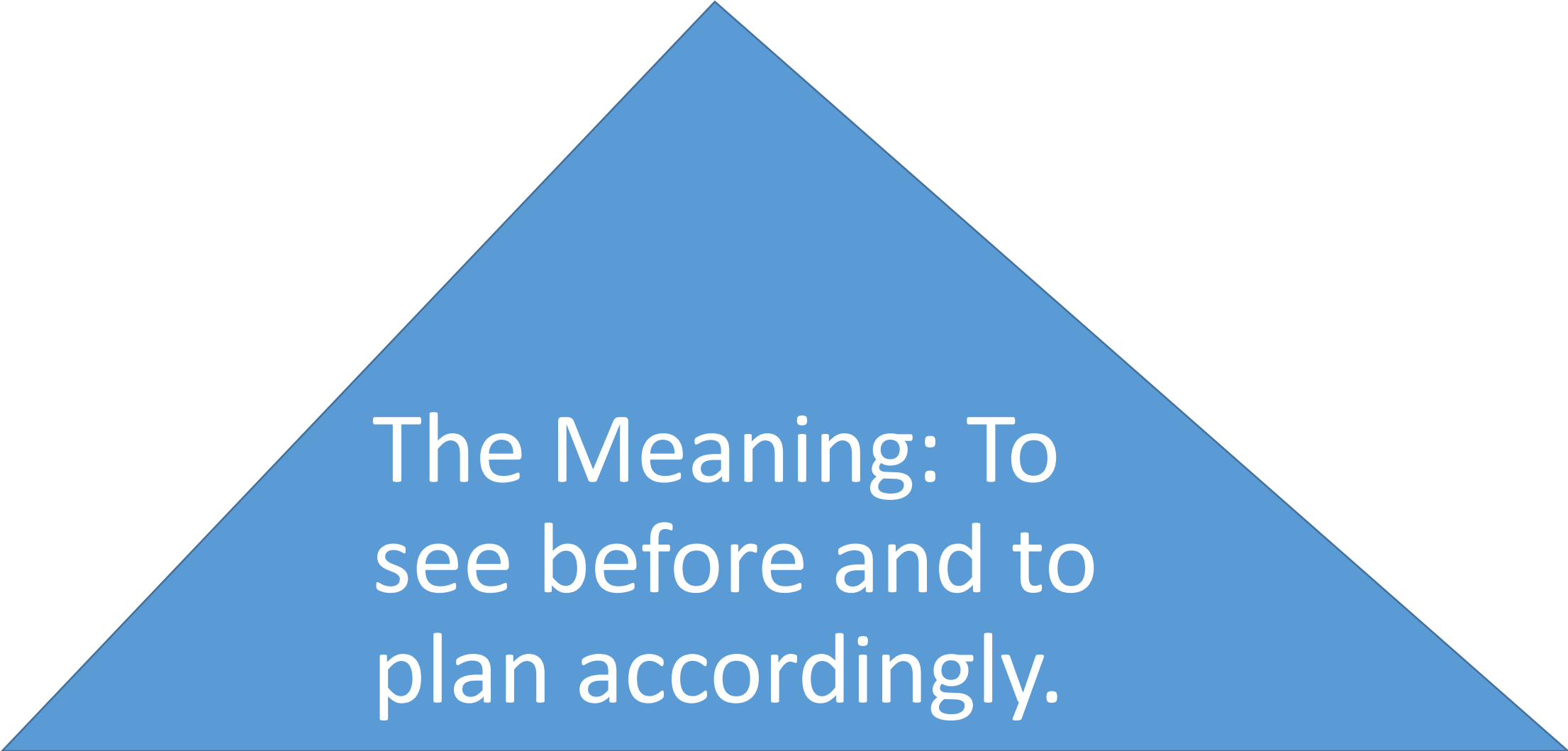


“For whom He
foreknew, He also
predestined...”

The Meaning: To mark off beforehand, to choose beforehand.

- The predestination of God assures, guarantees the purpose of God. God knows that if He leaves it up to us to become like Christ we'll never make it, so He pre-arranges the events in our lives to get us to that place, more of His image.

The Providence of God:



The Meaning: To
see before and to
plan accordingly.

- The providence of God accomplishes the purpose of God, that is “all things work together.” That is providence.

- Genesis 45:7-8; “And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.”

How To Have Victory Through Our Circumstances!

- When we can say two things:
- God did it: He is in control of every circumstance in my life and to complain is to accuse God of mismanaging my life.
- God is using it: God is using every circumstance in my life as a tool to carve out His purpose.