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The Greek verb ἐδόξασεν which is translated "he glorified" means "to make glorious, adorn with lustre, or clothe with splendor,"¹⁰³ and it refers to the ultimate and complete conformity of those whom God declared righteous in time to the character of His Son. This event will take place in the future, but it is spoken of as though it has already taken place because its fulfillment is absolutely certain. The reason the fulfillment of this event is absolutely certain is that God determined that this event should take place in eternity before the creation of the world. Thus the Greek clauses οὓς δὲ ἐδικαίωσεν, τούτους καὶ ἐδόξασεν which are translated "and whom he justified, then he also glorified" mean that those whom God declared righteous in time, He will also conform completely to the character of His Son in the future.

In this passage, therefore, the Apostle Paul said that those whom God chose from mankind in eternity before the creation of the world to be conformed to the character of His Son in order that His Son might be the Head of a multitude of saved people. In addition, those whom God foreordained in eternity before the creation of the world to be conformed to the character of His Son, He also effectually called to salvation in time, and those whom He effectually called to salvation in time, He also declared righteous in time, and those whom He declared righteous in time, He will also conform completely to the character of His Son in the future.

¹⁰³Ibid., p. 157.