

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to (His) purpose.”

(Romans 8:28)

Romans 8:18-30:

1. The unsurpassed glory of our inheritance far outweighs present suffering
2. The Holy Spirit helps our weakness by His present, infallible intercession for us
3. God is working in accordance with His eternal purpose so that all things work for our good

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to *His* purpose.

²⁹For 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;

³⁰and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

(Romans 8:28-30)

All Things Work for Good

1. What is included in “all things”?
 - everything! – especially in view are the “sufferings of this time” (trials, tribulations, evil, sin, death)
 - the reason why all things work for our good is that God is in control of all things
 - E.g. – Joseph story (Gen. 50:20); death of Jesus (Acts 4:27-28)

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2. For whom is this true?
 - it is only true for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose (i.e. those in Christ)
 - it is ultimately true for believers because it rests on God’s calling and purpose

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3. What "good" is being worked?
 - our spiritual/eternal good – our future glory and all that sustains us on the path to it
 - the refining of faith, the strengthening of hope, the killing of sin, the conformity to the Son

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- Implication
 - the promise to us is that there is nothing in this life that is not intended by God to assist us and bring us safely and certainly to our future glory