



Romans 8: 28-30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

1. God is ALWAYS good and working for our good.

28. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

V28-This was the point from last week for verse 28. This week, as we look at the verses that follow, we realize that God works everything out for our good to conform us into the image of His Son! The whole point of salvation is Christlikeness. When we have a Christ-centered life, it brings glory to God.

In what ways are you living a Christlike life?

What are some ways you could do better?

29. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

2. God is ALWAYS in complete control

V29- "These texts obviously stress that God is sovereign. He is in total control of all things, including human history. There is a preset divine redemption plan being worked out in time. However, this plan is not arbitrary or selective. It is based not only on God's sovereignty and foreknowledge, but on His unchanging character of love, mercy and undeserved grace. Predestination is not a doctrine meant to limit God's love, grace, and mercy nor to exclude some from the gospel." (Utley)

How does it feel to be a brother or a sister to the first Born Son (JESUS) of the king! God wishes no one to die in their sins and is patiently waiting for all those who will respond to the gospel and believe in his Son to do so. God is in complete control of the future and working all things for good for those who love his son.

Do you feel comfort knowing God is in control?

Do you trust God in ALL things?

30. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

3. God ALWAYS finishes what he starts according to his perfect will and plan.

V30- These verses remind us that God will complete his salvation work in us culminating in our Glorification and eternal life with Him in heaven. Here are a few verses that remind us that God keeps his promise and finishes what He begins.

Deuteronomy 31:8

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Jerimiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

How does it make you feel to know that God is going to be with you and help you until the day that Jesus returns, and you are then present with him for all eternity?

How should you live with this truth in mind?

Prayer

As you reflect on these verses and the lesson today, spend some time in prayer. Share your fears and doubts with God. If you have not believed and placed your faith in Jesus ask God

to help you. You can rest knowing that God is ALL loving, ALL good, and in control of ALL things.

I hope today's lesson helped you in your knowledge of God, and drew you closer to Jesus. I love and miss you all.

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