

Romans 8:28

I. God is completely sovereign.

II. God has a comprehensive, eternal plan.

III. God has an individual plan.

IV. God works in all things.

- Life's Blessings and Joys (Acts 14:17; 1 Tim. 6:17)
- Life's Trials & Grievs (Rom. 5:3-4; 8:18, 35-37)
- The Sins of Others (8:35; Gen. 50:20)
- Our Own Sins (Rom. 8:23; cf. 7:24)

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V. God has two great ends.

A. The glory of His Name

B. The good of His children

VI. God limits His promise.

A. To those who love God

B. To those who are called

Called According to His Purpose

Romans 8:28-30

I. God foreknew us (29).

Foreknow can't mean God just chooses those He knows before will believe...

1. When God looks through human history, all He sees in all people is sin and rebellion against Him (Rom. 3:10-18).
2. It doesn't sync with Scripture on election (e.g., Rom. 9).
3. It doesn't address the key issue of the source of faith (Eph. 2:8).
4. It doesn't fit the NT use of the word.
5. Rom. 8:29 does not say God foreknew something about us, but that He foreknew us.

Called According to His Purpose

Romans 8:28-30

- I. God foreknew us (29).
- II. God predestined us (29).
 - A. God's Destiny for Us (29a)
 - A glorified body like Christ
 - A moral character like Christ
 - B. God's Destiny for Christ (29b)
- III. God called us (30).
- IV. God justified us (30).
- V. God will glorify us (30).

The Main Lessons

1. Salvation is all of God from beginning to end!
2. The security of the true believer!
 - a. All those on whom God set his love will be like Jesus Christ—they will be glorified.
 - b. All those on whom God set his love can be confident that between justification and glorification, God will work all things for their good.