



Romans

His Purpose our confirmation 8:28-29

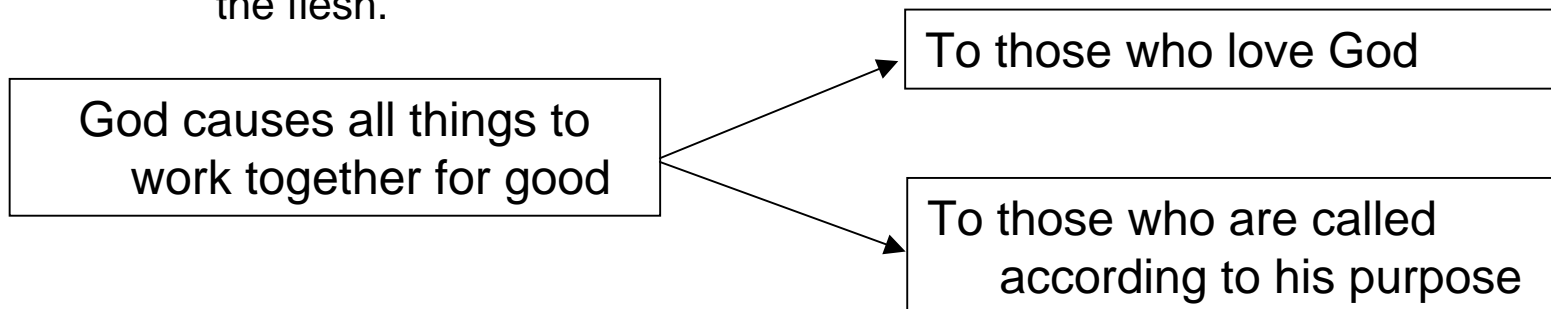
- And we know – (verse 28)
 - we know – οἶδαμεν – in reality we right now know, we have known in the past, we know right now and we will continue to know in the future (verb, indicative, perfect, active)
 - a complete, full or absolute knowledge
- That God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God (NAS)
 - That all things work together for good to them that love God (KJV)
 - Which one is closer to the Greek text?
 - See handout from Rogers and Rogers if interested.
 - In both translations the sovereignty of God is brought forward.
 - Who is the only one that can cause all things to work together for good? God – the idea is that God is **constantly** working things for good
 - God is sovereignly in control of **all things**
 - What trial, period of suffering, tribulation or difficult situation have you gone through or are you going through?
 - Gen. 50:20, Ps 46:1-7, Romans 5:3-5 & 8:31 & 35, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, 1 Peter 1:6-7 & 5:10-11,
 - What is the result of knowing and believing this truth?
 - Absolute rest and peace



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- What is meant by ‘good’?
 - Does this mean that our circumstances will change and work out for good?
 - ‘Good’ – is conformity into the image of Christ
 - This is God’s purpose for our lives
 - 1 Peter 5:10-11 – after the trial and suffering God will perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish us
- Warning – does this verse give believers the liberty to walk in the flesh?
 - No! A believer cannot say it is OK to walk in the flesh because God is working all things together for good.
 - Will God use the times when believers walk in the flesh to show their need for him?
 - **Yes!** But this does not mean that believers should think it profitable to do so. The scriptures never say anything positive comes from spending time in the flesh.





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- Who is referred to by ‘those who love God’?
 - Believers
 - 1 John 4:10 – this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us.
 - 1 John 4:16 – We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us.
 - Romans 5:5 – the love of God has been poured into our hearts
 - The result of God’s love for us is our love for God
- Who is referred to by ‘those who are called according to His purpose’?
 - Believers
 - God has called believers and he is working all things together for good.
- Called according to his purpose – Calling is specific for God’s purpose
 - God’s calling here is referring to his purpose – believers are called according to His purpose
 - Called – an effectual call, a call which is to have an effect
 - an adjective – also used this way in Romans 1:1, 6-7 & 9:24 & 26, 1 Cor. 1:1-2 & 24, Jude 1, Rev. 17:14
 - Purpose – the setting forth of the purpose of God
 - a noun – is used this way in Romans 9:11, Ephesians 1:11 & 3:11, 2 Tim. 1:9
 - According to God’s eternal purpose for believers there has been an effectual calling on their lives. God’s purpose for the believer is set and fixed.



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- For whom he foreknew – Verse 29
 - προγινώσκω – proginosko – before knowledge – to know before, (verb, indicative, aorist, active)
 - Used of prior temporal knowledge (one persons knowledge of another person) – Acts 26:5, 2 Peter 3:17
 - Used of God’s relation to Israel – Rom. 11:2
 - Used of Christ’s sacrifice – Acts 2:23, 1 Peter 1:20
 - Used of God’s people today – Rom. 8:29, 1 Peter 1:2
 - God knew beforehand - he had prior knowledge of believers
- He also predestined
 - προώρισεν - proorisen (verb, indicative, aorist, active)
 - Means to preplan a destiny – to mark off beforehand
 - The death of Christ and its meaning were predestined by God (Acts 4:28, 1 Cor. 2:7).
 - God’s elects are predestined
 - to adoption (Eph. 1:5),
 - to an inheritance (v. 11),
 - and to ultimate conformity to Christ (Rom. 8:28-29).

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- God's destiny for believers lives is to be conformed into the image of Christ and this is based on God knowing all things before hand.
- **Conformed to the image of His Son**
 - conformed – συμμόρφους - summorfous – adjective
 - Only other usage is Phil. 3:21 where it is used as a verb
 - means having the same form as another, the form or image of Christ.
 - Conformed - brings across the idea of having the same form as another
 - Transformed – brings across the idea of to change into another form (2 Cor. 3:18)
 - God's purpose for our lives which is based on his foreknowledge is for us to have the same image of Christ.
 - John 17:14-26
 - How does this conformity take place?
 - Phil. 2:13 – For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.
 - Col. 2:6 – As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him.
 - What does knowing of God's purpose for your life bring to your life?