

**EMBRACING GOD’S WONDERFUL PROMISE & ULTIMATE PURPOSE FOR YOU
(Romans 8:28-29)**

A. Embracing God’s Perspective on PRESENT SUFFERING & FUTURE GLORY (Rom. 8:18-25)

B. Embracing GOD’S POWER & Addressing OUR WEAKNESSES in PRAYER. (8:26-27)

C. Embracing GOD’S WONDERFUL PROMISE & ULTIMATE PURPOSE For You. (8:28-29)

1. God’s PROMISE to Every Believer. (8:28)

- a. The *connector* of God’s promise to the previous context of present suffering & future glory is found in the word _____.
- b. The *certainty* of God’s promise is underscored by the words _____. “Know” (oida – perfect tense, active voice, indicative mood) refers to a settled conviction of certainty, not based upon feelings but upon the facts {such as in 1 John 5:13}. Throughout the book of Romans, the Holy Spirit sets forth scriptural facts that we need to “know” for our faith.
- Romans 3:19-20
 - Romans 5:1-3
 - Romans 6:8-11
 - Romans 7:18
 - Romans 8:22, 26
 - Romans 13:11
 - Romans 14:14
 - Is knowing the principles and promises of Word of God vitally important for your daily walk & spiritual growth?
- c. The *content* of God’s promise is... “that {introduces the promise that we know} _____ work _____ for _____.”
- Who is the subject of this promise?
 - What “good” is Paul referring to?
 - What is necessary to accept this promise?
 - How do believers “know” this to be true?
 - 1) Based upon God’s _____ for God is good and does good.
 - 2) Based upon God’s _____ as God cannot lie.
 - 3) Based upon God’s _____ in human history seen generally in His sovereign but gracious outworking of this promise in such past events and lives as ...

d. The *clarification* of God's promise requires that you recognize that this verse ...

- 1) does NOT teach that “_____ are good”, for they are not, such as ...
- 2) does NOT teach that “_____ causes all things”, for He does not such as ...
- 3) does NOT teach that God negates all negative _____ for bad choices.
- 4) does NOT teach that God _____ all things as He has a perfect & permissive will.
- 5) does teach that God, without violating your volition or negating consequences for wrong choices, has promised to work all things together for the believer's spiritual _____ and for God's _____ in the outworking of His plan for you.

e. The *concise recipients* of God's promise are ...

- 1) NOT _____, but ...
- 2) _____. How are they described?
 - from the *human* side... “to those who _____”. (Rom. 5:5; 1 John 4:19)
 - from the *divine* side... “to those who are _____ according to His purpose”. (Rom. 1:6; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:9-10)
 - How should this promise impact your life?

2. God's PURPOSE for Every Believer. (8:29)

a. God's purpose for every believer is ...

- 1) sovereignly directed for your _____.
- 2) graciously intended with a definite _____ in mind ... “according to His purpose”
- 3) _____ with all the facts in hand “for whom He foreknew, He also predestinated”
Some clarification on “foreknowledge” and predestination”:
- 4) ultimately is “to be _____ to the _____ of His _____ {Jesus Christ}.”
 - What does this imply and mean?
 - What does this mean in the present & the future?

b. God's purpose behind the believer's glorification is “that He {Jesus Christ} might be the _____ {prototokos} among many brethren.”

- What does “first born” mean & emphasize?
- What should this emphasize to you and me?