

**Intro:**READ WLC Q&A 69.

EP (Main point of text): Because God has always loved you, He works out His eternal purpose for you in time. Thus, you can know for sure that God uses even evil things for your current and eternal good as part of that plan.

HP (Main application of text): *God is working His good purpose for you in everything.*

**Move 1: God's love purposed for you to live in loving fellowship with Him.**

LC: you have "communion in grace ... with Christ":

- Communion is based on union, which began in effectual call. Rom. 28b; 30a.
- Call based on purpose: Rom. 8:28b. Purpose expressed in plan: "predestinated".
- All based on "foreknowledge", Rom. 8:29a: Not foreseen, but "*foreloved*" (John Murray).
- That's why you love Him (vs. 28). Communion is "manifesting your union" (LC).

LC: you "partake of the virtue of his mediation": fellowship through faith. The whole purpose, Rom. 8:29: God reflecting His glory in you as brethren of the God-man.

**Move 2: To realize His purpose, God gave you His righteousness and family name.**

LC: "in their justification, adoption": legal, one-time acts affecting your social status.

- Rom. 8:30: "whom He called, he justified". Not done inside you, but on your behalf.
  - God declares you righteous by His Law. Opposite of condemnation (Rom. 8:1).
  - By faith, you receive God's pardon for Christ's blood/life for Christ's righteousness.
- Adoption: you are formally and officially taken in under God's headship and responsibility.
  - Living fellowship, Rom 8:29b. (first of many brethren).
  - *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,* (Eph 1:5)

**Move 3: God will continue His glorious work in you all the way to heaven.**

LC: "sanctification, and whatever else, in this life, manifests their union with him":

- *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:* (1Co 1:30)
- Union is basis of your life in Christ. Communion gets you through this life with Christ.
- Rom. 8:30, "and whom he justified, them he also glorified". Regeneration begins the ongoing process of sanctification, a gracious preparing you for most certain glory in heaven.
- Not a one-time act of status on your behalf, but an ongoing work of life growing inside you.
- Rom. 8:30: Unbreakable chain of "and whom/they also". Logical/certain connection

Vs. 28: "all things" particularly have the "evil things" in view. How can you know you will endure? God is bringing them to you and working them for your good. Vss. 29 and 30 confirm certainty.

**Conclusion:**

HP: *God is working His good purpose for you in everything.*