

All Things Work Together for Good...

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

I. The _____ of the Promise

This is not _____. This is not _____. This is not _____ so.

The apostle Paul says, "We know that it is true." You see, the promises of God are yes and amen in Jesus Christ.

II. The _____ of the Promise

Not _____ things, not a _____ things, and not _____ things.

James 1:17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

God takes these things and God uses them for good even when we're not good.

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

See how God dealt with his ancient people, Judah.

Jeremiah 24:5 "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans.'

Psalms 119:71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

Who am I?

1. He was betrayed by his brothers. He was put into a pit and left for dead. And, then brought out of that pit and sold into slavery. He was cast into prison. He was maligned and ridiculed. Accused of rape. And, his brothers did it to him, those closest to him. _____

2. He was a king on his throne. And, God took that king from his throne. The Bible says that God did it. He took away his golden crown and gave him iron chains. And, yet the Bible says that when that happened, it brought about a spiritual revival. _____

3. He was in danger of being carried away into perhaps pride, egotism, or going beyond certain bounds that God had set for him. _____

God wanted to _____. And, God allowed the _____ to become his messenger, his errand boy, and his servant.

Notice the result Paul was _____, _____, and _____.

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2 Corinthians 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

God gave him added _____. And, that made him _____ than he ever could have been.

4. He cursed and swore and denied the Lord Jesus Christ! _____

Luke 22:32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Hebrews 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

III. The _____ of the Promise

Things in themselves don't work together. You see, where God does not _____, God _____. God is the one who brings order out of _____ and _____ out of discord.

IV. The _____ of the Promise

The despisers of God cannot claim this. The haters of God may not claim this. But, let me tell you something very wonderful. Everybody who loves God can claim it.

All things work together for _____ to those who don't _____ God.

The bad things work together for good if you do love God. The good things work together for bad if you don't love God.

Acts 17:31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

V. The _____ of the Promise

How do all things work together for good? Well, that you will be _____? No. That you will be _____? Not necessarily. That you will be _____. Perhaps, but not necessarily.

Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

God's plan for you is that you are like _____ and that you will be _____ to the _____ of His Son.

It's not Just _____ it's _____!