

Why Do Good Things Happen to Bad People

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.

So, let's just take that question, and turn it over, and ask not, "Why do _____ things happen to _____ people," but, "Why do _____ things happen to _____ people?"

Ecclesiastes 8:14 There is something else meaningless that occurs on earth: righteous men who get what the wicked deserve, and wicked men who get what the righteous deserve. This too, I say, is meaningless.

I. I Am _____ by His Purpose

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.

We're _____ with His _____, and it is to _____.

So why ... Well, why does God want us to be _____ to the image of His _____?

First - By _____, when we're saved and we're made partakers of the Holy Spirit.

Second - He does it by _____, as we're being made more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ.

Third - When Jesus comes in _____, we will be made just like the Lord Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

II. I Am _____ by God's Providence

Look in verse 28 and circle the word For it is a preposition in the Greek language and means that we're moving toward a goal.

III. I Am _____ by His Power

Number one: I'm _____ by His purpose. He's going to make me like _____.

Number two: I am _____ by His providence. He is working all things together for my _____ and His _____.

Number three: I am _____ by His _____.

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There are a lot of people who would like to be against you. Don't get the idea that this world will honor you if you serve the Lord Jesus.

5 Things The Devil Can't Use Against Us!

A. No _____

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When Satan comes to _____ us, he's literally coming against God Himself.

Isaiah 41:13-14 "For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'¹⁴ "Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD, "and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

B. No _____

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

If God gave His son I don't have to _____ any _____ that God has made.—everything comes with Jesus.

C. No _____

Romans 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

This literally means _____ is qualified to do so. _____ will try! _____—can lay a charge against any child of God.

Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

Colossians 2:14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Romans 4:8 "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

D. No _____

Romans 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

There are a lot of folks who will try to _____ you in this wicked old world. But we have Jesus at the right hand of the Father!

Romans 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

E. No _____

Romans 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

IV. I Am _____ by God's Presence

Romans 8:38-39 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul does not say that these things will not happen. He's saying _____ of these things—not in the absence of all of these things were more than conquerors!