

## **God's Government of the Lives of Each and Every Believer**

**Romans 8:28-30**

**Sermon # 5 on Romans 8**

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Romans 8:28-30, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified."

V. 28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

The NT often informs us of how much Paul suffered in his life for Christ and the truths of the Word of God.

- Paul was beaten and left for dead,
- whipped 5 times with 39 lashes by a leather strap with bones, glass, stones and iron attached to the end,
- 3 times he was beaten with rods,
- he was stoned,
- he was imprisoned,
- he was shipwrecked 3 times,
- in one of his shipwrecks, he was left 24 hours floating at sea,
- he felt hunger and thirst and oftentimes went extended periods of time without any food,
- and was left cold and naked and extremely fatigued.

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1. There is Divine Presence and Participation in all things that happen to any of God's children.

2. There is Divine Plan and Purpose in all things that happen to any of God's children.

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. For THOSE GOD FOREKNEW HE PREDESTINED to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And THOSE HE PREDESTINED, HE ALSO CALLED; THOSE HE CALLED, HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; THOSE HE JUSTIFIED, HE ALSO GLORIFIED."

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CONCLUDING REMARKS:

1. There is purpose in all things for the believer.

2. There is GOOD purpose in all things for the believer.

There is good in all the providences of God. Many persons think there is good only in those things that give pleasure or delight to body or mind. Most will admit that this is good in health and prosperity. But they find it hard to see what good there can be in sickness, in adversity, in poverty, or in sorrow.

In the lives of believers, all things work together not for pleasure or personal gain, but for God's purpose-that of conforming each of us to Christ.

3. The absorption of this truth into the heart is a major key to handling the myriad difficulties and disappointments of life without murmuring and/or complaining.