

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

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

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

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

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

a. The *connection* to the previous section in Romans 8, is seen 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 _____ that believers need to “_____”. For example:

• Knowing the principles and promises of Word of God is _____ for your daily _____ & spiritual _____ in Christ!

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 _____ in lives & His-story

d. The *clarification* of God's promise demands that this verse ...

1) does NOT teach that "_____ *are good*", for they are not.

2) does NOT teach that "_____ *all things*", for He does not.

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 _____ 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