

“God’s Gracious Work for Our Good”

Amazed by Grace • part 35

INTRODUCTION

- our need for affliction

- our need for Rom. 8:28

MAIN IDEA

God _____ apparent _____ into eternal _____.

EXPOSITION

1. The certainty: “and we know”

- to “know”

- the connection: the indwelling Spirit
Phil. 1:6; Jon. 2:9

2. The Actor: “God causes”

- not dependent upon man

- not based on “luck” or “chance”

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3. The scope: “all things”

4. The focus: “to work together for good”

- “good”

- *how* v. *that* God fulfills His promise
Deut. 29:29

“Adversity is the diamond dust Heaven polishes its jewels with.”
– Robert Leighton

“By affliction [the Lord] shows us our emptiness and weakness, draws us to the throne of grace, purifies our affections, weans us from the world, and makes us long for heaven.” – J.C. Ryle

5. The beneficiaries: “for those who love God”

- what ‘love for God’ is *not*

- “those who are called”
 - + “effectual calling”
1 Cor. 1:2, 23-24; Jude 1

 - + synonymous with the “chosen” by God
Rom. 1:1, 6; Isa. 48:12
2 Tim. 1:9

APPLICATION

Gen. 45:7; 50:20; Jer. 29:11; Phil. 1:12-14

“When God permits His children to go through the furnace, He keeps His eye on the clock and His hand on the thermostat.”
– Warren Wiersbe