

Jesus Strong!

Faith!

Romans 8:28:30

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

8 Rocks of Truth

1. Grace
2. The Holy Spirit
3. Abba
4. Heaven
5. Pray!
- 6 Faith

We know – by faith

Faith – Confidence; trust;
rely upon; follow

1. All things can work together for good

And we know that for those
who love God. Rom. 8:28a

Those who love God...
- a description of every Christ-follower

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your mind. Matt. 22:37

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, not the heart of
man imagined, what God has prepared for those who
love Him. 1 Cor. 2:9

... the crown of life, which God has promised to those
who love Him.
James 1:12

Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love
incorruptible. Eph. 6:24

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep
My Word
and My Father will love him
and We will come to him and
make our home with him.
Jn. 14:23

... all things work together for good...
‘work together’ – in His hands it can have a “good” result.
For Good?

God is “good” – Ps. 86:5

For you, O Lord, are good...
Ps. 34:8

For Good?

. God’s Word is “good”

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple.
Psalm 19:7

For Good?

. God's work is "good"

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it or good...

Gen. 50:20

Phil 1:6

God's goodness is seen...

. In the midst of suffering

It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.

Ps. 119:71

God's goodness is seen...

. After times of suffering –

When He has tried me, I shall come out as gold. Job 23:10

God's goodness is seen...

. In times of blessing –

But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Ps.
84:11

God's goodness is seen...

. When we yield to Him –

... What is good and acceptable and perfect. Rom. 12:1-2
“We have to trust God's heart,
when we cannot trace His hand.”
C. S. Lewis

2. All things can have a purpose from God.

... for those who are called according to His purpose.
Rom. 8:28b

- The “general” call to all people –
(Jn. 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:9)

- The “salvation” call for
Christ-followers (Rom. 8:30)

- The “purpose” call for every situation – (Rom. 8:28)
According to His purpose.

For I am God and there is no other.

I am God and there is none like Me declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times, things not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose.

Isa. 46:9-11

"Obviously today didn't go as planned, but God has a plan and uses tough situations for his glory. Blessed with the ability to play golf and play for the glory of God."

Kate Wynja

. To give glory to Jesus –
(Col 1:18; Phil 1:20-21)

. To point people to Jesus –
1 Cor. 9:22

. To help me be Christ-like –
(Rom. 8:29)

The world has a purpose

- . Money
- . Stuff
- . Fame
- . Popularity

- . Jobs – getting ahead
- . Health
- . Fun

But what is God's purpose?

3. All things are known by God

For those whom He foreknew...

Rom. 8:29

He also predestined...

In Him we have obtained an inheritance having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will.

Eph. 1:11

To be conformed to the image of His Son.

- Created in His image
- Restored to His image

“God loves us the way we are,
but He loves us too much to leave us that way.” Leighton
Ford

In order that He might be the firstborn among many
brothers.

“Firstborn” – the heir; the head of the family; the leader;
the one we all follow; has pre-eminence!

Jesus Christ the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and
the ruler of Kings of earth.

Rev. 1:5

The Lord will fulfill His purpose
for me. Ps. 138:8

He will complete what He appoints for me. Job 23:14
Therefore I can trust the Lord in everything because He
has made an eternal commitment to me.

Rom. 8:30

. He knew me

- Before the foundation of the world

Eph. 1:4

- You have searched me and

known me. Ps. 139:1

- Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you and before you were born I consecrated you.
Jer. 1:5

. He called me

- Into His family forever and ever
Jn. 1:12
- You who were called to belong
to Jesus Christ... Rom. 1:6

. He justified me

- to be declared righteous –
Rom 3:24
- covered in His righteousness –
2 Cor. 5:21

. He glorified me

The glory that you have given Me,
I have given to them. Jn. 17:22

... Will appear with Him in glory
Col. 3:4

“Life is not a straight line leading from one blessing to the next then finally to heaven. Life is a winding and troubled road. Switchback after switchback.”

John Piper

“God is not just showing up after the trouble and cleaning it up. He is plotting the course and managing the troubles with far-reaching purposes for our good and for the glory of Jesus Christ.”

A Sweet and Bitter Providence
by John Piper

Life is hard
God good.
God is Sovereign
TRUST Him!