

## Session #31: “THE PURPOSE OF GOD”—Romans 8:28-30

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

### Questions:

- How would you explain how and why you “know that all things work together for good to those who love God and are the called according to His purpose?” Do you believe that the circumstances in your life are controlled by God?
- Regarding verse 28, does verse it mean? - That whatever happens to the Christian is good? That everything that you experience has a good side to it? That the good is necessarily in our life time? That all things work out the way we want them to? That we are dealing with a good God? That we are dealing with ultimate good, rather than immediate good?
- How important is the fact that you were called by God? - Read carefully 2 Tim. 1:9 Can you reconcile “God’s sovereign election” and “His free offer of salvation to all?” Are both true?
- What does “to be conformed to the image of His Son” in verse 29 mean? Is God trying to make me to try to be like Jesus or is He actually doing it?
- According to verse 30, will God glorify you? In His eyes has He already done it?

### THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

Principle #1 - CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20

Principle #2 - JUSTIFICATION - 3:21-5:21

Principle #3 - SANCTIFICATION - 6:1-7:25

Principle #4 – SECURITY/GLORIFICATION - 8:1-39

1A. GIVEN BY THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - ROMANS 8:1-17

2A. GROUNDED IN OUR HOPE - ROMANS 8:18-25

#### • 3A. **GUARANTEED BY THE FACTS - ROMANS 8:26-39**

1B. The **PRAYER** of the Spirit - 26-27

#### • 2B. **The PURPOSE of God** - 28-30

*Rom 8:28 And **we know** that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those **who are the called according to His purpose.***

1C. Our **Confidence is based on the Purpose of God** – “**we know**” It does not say, we hope so—but we know!! Based **on fact, not how we feel.** Based **on the purposes of God and not on circumstances.** It’s true! It’s rooted in the character of God. **A Divine providence that’s absolutely limitless! Rom. 3:19, 7:14, 8:22; 1 John 3:2, 14, 19, 24; 5:2, 15, 18, 19, 20**

2C. Our **Circumstances are controlled by the Purpose of God** - “**all things work together for good**” - NIV – “in all things God works for the good of...” - NASB – “God causes all things to work...” But, in the Greek text, the word “God” is in the accusative, not the nominative. **KJV has it correct,** although the other translation is certainly the point.

1D. **Everything is included** - “**all things**” - cf. **Romans 11:36; Eph. 1:11** - **There is no qualifying element here. It means all things!** Not most, but ALL things! We must believe and know that God is behind it all!! Who is the ultimate object of all things- God or you?

2D. Everything is intended to result in “good” - cf. 2 Cor. 4:15 - that “good” is the “glory of God” - cf. Deut. 8:15-16 – “to do you good in the end” - cf. Gen. 50:20; Psalm 119:68 - “You are good, and do good”

3C. Our Calling is at the heart of the Purpose of God - “who are the called according to His purpose” – 1 Cor. 1:9, 2:9; James 1:12; 1 John 2:15; 2 Tim. 1:9!! – One thing that we are taught in Romans is that God is God and we are not!!

Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

4C. Our Conformity to His Son is behind the Purpose of God (what is He trying to do, what is He after?) - “to be conformed to the image of His Son” - cf. Colossians 1:15a; Hebrews 1:3; Is God trying to make me to try to be like Jesus or is He actually doing it through the power of His Spirit?

1D. It is a plan based on God’s foreknowledge - “whom He foreknew, He also predestined” - cf. Acts 2:23; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Cor. 1:26-29 (foolish = moron, those who are zero!)

2D. It is a purpose that results (is centered) in the exaltation of His Son - “that He might be the firstborn among many brethren” - Col. 1:15b; - Heb. 1:6 - Greek: prototokos (unique – The One and only One) - Phil. 2:9-11

3D. It is a principle that affects us both physically and spiritually

1E. Physically - we will one day be “conformed” - Phil. 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2 He’s going to clean you up and make you like Jesus!

2E. Spiritually – we are continually being “conformed (transformed, metamorphosized)” by the work of the Holy Spirit within, on the inside of us – cf. 2 Cor. 3:18!!

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

5C. Our Certainty of our salvation is totally dependent upon the Purpose of God t - 30

1D. It is rooted in His predestination - “whom He predestined” (to mark out an horizon, decide upon beforehand or ahead of time) - cf. Acts 4:27-28 - cf. Eph. 1:4-11 – Do you believe that everything that is happening in your life has been planned by God? Yes He has planned it all! - Can you say that? Thank You, Lord!

2D. It is received in His calling - “these He also called” - cf. 2 Thess. 2:13-14! - cf. Rom. 11:29

3D. It is related to our justification - “these He also justified” - cf. Rom. 3:24 He declared us righteous because of what He did! - There is no room here for self glorification!

4D. It is revealed in our glorification - “these He also glorified” - cf. Rom. 8:18;- Will He do it? Or has it already been done? He’s already done it! It’s already settled! 2 Cor. 4:16-18

To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!