

All things work together for good

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Text

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

Introduction

How can God work to bring good?

There are three imperatives that will help us to know that all things work together for good by God for those who love Him and are called by Him.

- Know who causes to bring out Good – Who CAUSES
- Know to which particular class the good happens - Which -CLASS
- Know to whom does the good happen – CALLED

Let us dive into three aspects

1. Know who causes to bring out good.
2. Know the good of the beneficiary
3. Know that the good happens with a purpose

1. Know who causes to bring out good.

Rom 8:28 begins with "And we know"

Illustration:

Think of Job in the Old Testament, who would say in the midst of anguish and agony, stress and struggle, tremendous pressure over him and tormenting crises,

Job 7:3 So am I allotted months of vanity, And nights of trouble are appointed me."

Job 23:14 "For He performs what is appointed for me, And many such *decrees* are with Him."

Two foundational truths to help understand

- I. Controller is God**
- II. Character of God is good.**

I. Controller is God

Job 30:22 "You lift me up to the wind *and* cause me to ride;
And You dissolve me in a storm. In the midst of affliction,
Job recognizes the hand of God.

Psalm 107:28-29 ²⁸ Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses.

²⁹ He caused the storm to be still, So that the waves of the
sea were hushed.

Matthew 8:26 Then He got up and rebuked the winds and
the sea, and it became perfectly calm.

**Illustration:
Einstein's counting of stars.**

The second foundational truth

II. Character of God is good.

When God works, He works from His Character.

Romans 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. Lord Jesus takes over his life with His Lordship. This happens when the Lord begins reigning in life.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 19:17 There is *only* One who is good;

Psalms 119:68 You are good and do good;

The second imperative that you should know to discover - why God makes all things work for good in your life is your love for Him.

2. Know the good that happens to the beneficiary.

that to the ones loving God all things work together for good.”

- “Oidamen de hati tois agaposin ton Theon panta Sunergei ho Theos eis agathon tois kata prothesin kletois ousin”

**Please look at two components
to understand the truth.**

- I. All without any exceptions for good.

- II. Only to those who love Him

**I. All without any exceptions
work for good**

Illustration:

Personal experiences.

- **Jeremiah 24:6**

⁶ 'For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them up and not overthrow them, and I will plant them and not pluck them up.

The LORD allowed Israel to go through affliction but eventually it is His desire to give everlasting good.

Paul says in **2 Corinthians 4:17** these words, “For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison”

The second component:

II. Only to those who love God!

The third imperative

3. Know that it happens to those who are called.

I. Called by God

II. Called according to His purpose.

I. Called by God

- It is God's call so it has to be divine
- It is God's call so it has to be eternal
- It is God's call so it has to be of value

Isaiah 46:10 Declaring the **end** from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

Acts 2:23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and **foreknowledge** of God,

1 Peter 1:2 according to the **foreknowledge** of God the Father

II. Called according to His purpose.

Acts 13:22-23

1. I HAVE FOUND **DAVID** the son of Jesse,
2. A MAN AFTER MY HEART,
3. who will do all My will.'
4. ²³ "From the descendants of this man,
according to promise,
5. God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,

Acts 13:36 "For **David**, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay;

But you would say, that is David, I am different. Are you a believer? Then know that you are chosen by God.

Psalms 34:6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles.

Conclusion

What is your response to His dealings in your life to bring good to you, an eternal good. Go with comfort, full of joy and the Holy Spirit.