

Outline: Romans 8:18-30

1A SUFFERING LEADING TO GLORY, v18

Our present suffering as God's children leads to a greater, future glory in Christ

2A BONDAGE LEADING TO LIBERTY, vv19-22

Our present bondage as God's children leads to a greater, future liberty in Christ

3A PROGRESS LEADING TO PERFECTION, vv23-25

Our present sanctification as God's children leads to a complete, future sanctification in Christ

4A PURPOSE LEADING TO FULFILLMENT, vv26-30

God's purpose for His children, saved by sovereign grace, is to perfect & glorify them in Christ

1B Our weaknesses overcome by the Spirit's continual intercession, vv26-27

2B The Lord makes all things work together for our good, v28

(1) **"And we *know*..."** | a contrast between what we don't know, v26, & what we do know, v28

(2) **"all things work together *for good*"** | not just some things, but all things – God is greater than all things

(3) **"all things work together for good to those who *love God*"** | description of recipients of God's good purpose

(4) **"...to those who are *the called* according to His purpose"** | 2nd description; a general call vs an effectual call

****3B** God's eternal purpose for His regenerate children described, v29

****4B** God's eternal purpose evidenced in His redemptive actions in time, v30

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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. 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.

(1) FOREKNEW. "For whom He *foreknew*, He also predestined..."

- To know beforehand; to know from eternity. Knowing in the sense of personal relationship.

(2) FOREORDAINED. "For whom He foreknew, He also *predestined*..."

- To determine beforehand; to make future events certain from eternity.

(3) CONFORMED. "to be conformed *to the image of His Son*..."

- the grand design of salvation:
 - reconciled to God & remade in the likeness of Christ's perfect humanity.

****4B God's eternal purpose evidenced in His redemptive actions in time, v30**

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

(1) NO WEAK LINKS. "Moreover whom *He* predestined, *these He also called*; ...*He also justified*... *He also glorified*."

- Predestination → Called → Justified → Glorified. A glorious chain; A beautiful necklace of salvation.