**Romans 8:28**

**God works all things together for our good.**

**Introduction and review.**

**I. God is sovereign over all things.**

* God is in charge! Eph.1:11 Pr.21:1 Ps.115:3 Isa.46:9-11
* God is sovereign over evil. Isa. 45:6b-7
* God allows suffering for His purpose. 8:18 Ex. 4:11Deut. 32:39Job 2:3,10
* Even evildoers are under God’s sovereign control. Acts 2:23 4:27-28
* God Himself does not do evil, but He sovereignly works out His purpose through their sinful acts. Gen. 50:20

**II. God arranges everything for our good.**

* God works all things together in a conspiracy of goodness.
* Paul is not saying: That all things are essentially good in and of themselves.
* That we will immediately understand the good God is doing through suffering.
* But God’s purpose is that we be conformed to Christ and glorified with Him. Ro 8:18,29

 **III. God works all things together for good only for His chosen people who love Him.**

* The promise of Romans 8:28 is not for everyone! 2:9 Ps.37:20,38
* The unbeliever gains nothing from suffering.
* This promise is exclusively for those who love God.
* How can you know you love God?
* Whom God loves have been effectually called by Him. 1:6-7 I John 4:19
* Examples of God’s good work in suffering.
* Romans 8:28 should transform your life!
* These promises are only yours if you belong to Christ. 10:9-13

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