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[Rom 8:28 NASB95] 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.

- This week in Parliament, one of the Lords said this world has gone mad.
- It is true. However, it was not supposed to be like it is now. The treachery in the garden wrecked everything.
- Jesus and life in the Spirit is the path to wholeness and destiny.
- · It seems like everything is stacked against us.
- Paul tells the Roman church, that even in the midst of adversity, God has a purpose He is working on for them as they will love Him.

What should we know about Romans 8:28?

Here are 4 important truths about Romans 8:28.

I. This verse is for God-lovers.

- a. [Psa 91:14 NASB95] 14 "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him [securely] on high, because he has known My name.
- b. [Rev 3:15-16 NASB95] 15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 16 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.
- c. Decide to set your love on Him. Make Him your focus.

II. All things mean all things.

- a. [Rom 8:18, 35-37 NASB95] 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ... 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
- b. [Act 28:3-5 NASB95] 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they [began] saying to one another, "Undoubtedly this man is a murderer, and though he has been saved from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." 5 However he shook the creature off into the fire and suffered no harm.
- c. God did not cause all things, but He will work in in all things.

III. You have a purpose.

- a. [Jer 1:5 NASB95] 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."
- b. [Rom 8:29-30 NASB95] 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined [to become] conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.
 - i. NOTE: John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:3-4
 - ii. Plainly, God wants all saved.
- c. Just like Jesus, God foreknew you, has a calling for you, freed you from sin, and has lifted you up.

IV. God is working good for your purpose.

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- a. God will turn it to good.
- b. [Rom 5:20 NASB95] 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
- c. [Gen 50:20 NASB95] 20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, [but] God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.
 - i. [Act 7:9-10 NASB95] 9 "The patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. [Yet] God was with him, 10 and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household.
 - ii. Wycliffe Translation: Ye thought evil of me, and God turned it into good, that he should enhance me, as ye see in this present time, and that he should make safe many peoples;
 - iii. Concerning Genesis 50:20, "But in this instance, He just overruled sin and continued with His plans." Edwards, Troy. The Hebrew Idiom of Permission (p. 51). Kindle Edition.
- d. [Isa 61:7 NASB95] 7 Instead of your shame [you will have a] double [portion,] And [instead of] humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double [portion] in their land, Everlasting joy will be theirs.
- e. Get ready for good (double and joy)!
- As you continue to love Him, God wants you to trust that He is turning all things around for good to get you the purpose He has for you.