

Christians Cannot Lose

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,
to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

For whom he did foreknow,

*he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called,
them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:28-31 (NIV)

Our passage today begins and ends with sweeping generalizations, 1. "...all things work together for good..." and, 2. "...If God be for us, who can be against us?"

How can ALL things come together for good? Can illness? Can the sudden, unexpected death of a loved one? Can financial ruin? Can permanent loss of health? This is a most difficult idea to accept!!

Paul not only makes these remarkable statements he backs them up with clear arguments.

First Paul limits the scope of this encouraging word. He identifies those who can take comfort from his words to, "...them that love God...the called according to His purpose." We read of so many descriptions of

God's children in the Bible. Here God's people are described as those who love Him. Do you love the Lord today? Jesus once said, "If you love me you will keep my commandments." John 14:15 If your life reflects obedience to the ways of the Lord you indeed love Him.

For you dear reader is the promise of God that everything shall work for good. Believe it even when you may think there is little evidence of that promise in your life.

The Weaver

My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me.
I cannot choose the colors
He weaveth steadily.

Of't times

He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride

Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside.

Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles
cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.

The dark threads
are as needful
In the weaver's
skillful hand
As the threads of gold
and silver
In the pattern
He has planned

He knows, He loves,
He cares;
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives the very best
to those
Who leave the choice
to Him."

-Grant Colfax Tullar

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