

Paul's Letter to the
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5 ASPECTS TO THE PROMISE



1. The Surety (We know)
2. The Confidence (God)
3. The Breadth (All Things)
4. The Outcome (To work together for Good)
5. The Recipients (Those who love Him/called)

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.”

ROMANS 8:28
WHAT IT DOES NOT
MEAN



- ✓ That everything that happens to you is going to BE good.
- ✓ That everything will turn out ok for you in this life.
- ✓ That suffering and evil and tragedy are good things.
- ✓ That there is a great balance in this life.
- ✓ That God is going to give you material wealth.
- ✓ That God is going to prevent you from experiencing ANY bad things.

ROMANS 8:28

“And we know....”



ROMANS 8:28

“....that God”



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“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.”

- ✓ “All things”: Means “everything without exception”.

GENESIS 50:20-21



“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.

“So therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” So he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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ACTS 2:22-23

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.”



SUFFERING

"I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chattered all the way.
But I was none the wiser
For all she had to say.
Then I walked a mile with Sorrow,
and ne'er a word said she.
But, oh, the lessons I did learn.
When Sorrow walked with me.

Robert Browning Hamilton



BENEFITS OF SUFFERING



1. We learn from our suffering: About ourselves, about how to treat others, about the right way to do things, suffering teaches us patience in the Lord.
2. It makes us more dependent on God, clinging to Him. Staying close to Him (which is the best place to be)
3. Refines us and makes us stronger (like steel in a furnace)
4. Puts us in a position to help others who are going through what we went through. Sharing how we dealt with it, how the Lord brought good from it.
5. Serves as a witness to others. "Who is your God who sustains you in your struggle? How can you be so positive?"
6. Helps us identify with our Savior who endured far more than we did.

BENEFITS OF SUFFERING

Phil. 3:10 "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;"

1 Peter 5:10-11 ""After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

"A sick bed often teaches more than a sermon."

Thomas Watson-Puritan



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| 1. The <u>Surety</u> | (We know) |
| 2. The <u>Confidence</u> | (God causes) |
| 3. The <u>Breadth</u> | (All Things) |
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| 5. The <u>Recipients</u> | (Those who love Him/called) |

1 PETER 1:3-7

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

