

God's Greatest Promise to His Children

When a Christian says the phrase “*all things work together for good*,” they are referring to one of the most quoted verses in the New Testament, **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.*” But personally, is it possible for us to understand or “*know*” that all things work together for our good in our everyday lives? We can find peace and joy in our lives as God calms the turbulence, bringing quiet and confidence, knowing that God is working according to a secure, eternal purpose and that all things work together. It may not always seem so! Sometimes, when we are suffering heartbreak, tragedy, disappointment, frustration, and bereavement, we wonder what good can come from it. But the following verse provides the answer. **Romans 8:29** teaches that God’s overarching purpose for Christians is to shape us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Whatever God permits, including every circumstance, trial, and blessing, is used as a tool in His hands to conform us to His Son. When we see this, it removes the question mark from our prayers. Our lives are not controlled by impersonal forces such as chance, luck, or fate, but by our wonderful, personal Lord, who is “*too loving to be unkind and too wise to err.*” The apostle Paul reminds us that we can only have peace with God and be right with Him through our faith in the truth of the gospel, the message that even though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Having believed this message, we are indeed at peace with God and right with Him. Paul tells us about the vast love of God in Christ and goes so far as to say that God is not only with us but for us. We have evidence of this advocacy in the fact that God has already given His own Son as our ransom. Charles Haddon Spurgeon, an influential and very famous preacher of the 1800s, was called the “*Prince of Preachers*” by some. Regarding **Romans 8:28**, he said: “*Everything that happens to you is for your own good. If the waves roll against you, it only speeds your ship toward the port. If lightning and thunder come, it clears the atmosphere and promises your soul’s health. You gain by loss, you grow healthy in sickness, you live by dying, and are made rich in loss. Could you ask for a better promise? It is better that all things should work for my good than all things should be as I wish them to have been. All things might work for my pleasure and yet might not be for my good. If all things do not always please me, they always benefit me. This is the best promise in the Bible. This is the best promise in life.*” So what is our takeaway? God’s love is everlasting, and His wisdom is infinite. No one or nothing can thwart God’s plan. God will work all things together for the good of those who love Him. Our decision to align our will with God’s and to always trust Him will be rewarded.