

## Trust the LORD in 2024 pt. 2

### Romans 8:26-39

“Trust the past to God’s Mercy

Trust the present to God’s Love

Trust the Future to God’s Providence”

(St. Augustine)

I. **Be Encouraged** by the Prayer of God.

All these things we don’t know discourage us.....

II. **Be Encouraged** by the Providence of God.

There are many things we do not know but the Apostle Paul assures us that there are things WE DO KNOW.

- All things work together for \_\_\_\_\_. Two Greek

words for good: *καλος* kalos                      *αγαθος* agathos

All things are working together for good..... Joseph?

John Murray “Not one detail works ultimately for evil to the people of God; in the end only good will be their lot.”

III. **Be Encouraged** in the Purpose of God.

We should recall Philippians 1:6 as we look at the golden chain. The subject of all the verbs 28-30 is God.

A. God Foreknew

The foreknowledge of God is the idea that He knew from all eternity what He would do. The verbs here don’t speak of what humanity would do. Foreknowledge means that’s salvation is not some invention of mankind, it didn’t originate with man then or now.

The more we understand the sovereignty of God and His inherent goodness the more it should give us great comfort. (Acts 2:23, Rom 11:2, I Pet 1:2, 1:20)

B. God Predestined

We needn’t fear this word. It simply reveals to us what God set for us to become: conformed to the image of Christ. Conformity to Christ begins on the inside and works its way outward....

C. God Called

There are two calls: the general, external, and universal as distinguished from the internal, specific, and effectual. Lazarus.....

D. God Justified

Justification comes by our faith (a gift of God) and not due to it. This is his declaration we are in right standing with HIM.

E. God Glorified

Becoming perfectly like Christ for us it’s future but for God, it is a past tense verb.

The Sovereign God of the Universe has set His love on you and, astonishingly, He will not leave nor forsake you. He will fulfill His Work in you, completing it ultimately by moving you through this golden chain of salvation.