

# **The Unshakeable Promise of Romans 8:28**

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# I. The Certainty of the Promise (v. 28a)

- A. This is not *speculation* — It is settled truth
- B. This certainty is *grounded* in the character and Word of God

## II. The Condition of the Promise (v. 28b)

- A. This promise is not universal — it is *specific*
- B. This describes *true* believers — not perfect believers
- C. Love for God is *evidence* of regeneration

### III. The Comprehensive Scope of the Promise (v. 28c)

- A. “All things” includes both joy and suffering
- B. God’s sovereign orchestration of every detail
- C. Not all things are good — but all things are used for good
  - 1. God uses suffering as a means of bringing good

### III. The Comprehensive Scope of the Promise (v. 28c)

2. God uses temptation as a means of bringing good
  - a) Temptation drives us to dependence on God
  - b) Temptation drives us to the Word of God
  - c) Temptation exposes and destroys spiritual pride
  - d) Temptation drives us to Christ — our sympathetic savior

### III. The Comprehensive Scope of the Promise (v. 28c)

3. God uses the evil of sin as a means of bringing good
  - a) God does not approve sin — He overrules it
  - b) God uses the sins of others to work for our good
  - c) God uses even our own sin to work for our good
  - d) God uses sin to produce humility and holiness
  - e) The believer's good is defined by God — not by us
  - f) Sin was necessary for the cross to come about

## IV. The Calling Behind the Promise (v. 28d)

- A. This is the *effectual* call of God — His initiating grace
- B. God's *purpose* is the foundation of everything
- C. Salvation and suffering are both tied to divine *design*
- D. Assurance is rooted in God's *eternal* plan — not human effort

# TAKE HOME:

- What in your life right now feels like the “underside of the canvas”?
- Is your relationship with God marked by genuine love—or just religious familiarity?
- What are you anchoring your life to in suffering?