



## Justified | Romans 8

God's Inseparable Love | Romans 8:28-35 | 5.10.20

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**Romans 8:28-30** *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified*

1. Romans 8:28 does *not* read, "All things that happen are good."
2. Romans 8:28 does read, "All things work together for good."
3. Romans 8:28 does read, "For good to those who love God."

- **Genesis 50:20** *But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.*
- **Philippians 1:12** *But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel.*

"With time and perspective, most of us can see good reason for at least *some* of the tragedy and pain that occurs in life. **Why couldn't it be possible that, from God's vantage point, there are good reasons for all of them?**" Tim Keller

4. Romans 8:28 does read, "According to His purpose."
5. God's purpose is to conform us into the image of His son.

*If God's primary design is the fulfillment of our American dream, then He is not doing a very good job. However, if GOD's purpose is to mold us to be more like Jesus, He is accomplishing exactly what He needs to do.*

**Sanctification** means to set aside for God's holy purpose; it is the growing and maturing of every believer to be more like Christ. God, in His wisdom, receives glory from our sanctification process.

### How does God receive glory when I sin against Him?

1. We experience God's unconditional faithfulness and unconditional love in spite of our sinfulness. Romans 8:31-39
2. We learn how desperately we need God's grace. Romans 5:20-21
3. We develop a lifestyle of repentance and confession. 1 John 1:6-2:1
4. He is aware of our desire *not* to sin even though we do. Romans 7
5. We grow in our patience in trials and our longsuffering towards others. Romans 5:3-5, Ephesians 4:1-2
6. It creates a longing within us to see Christ and receive our glorified body. Romans 8:23
7. We learn about the deceptive and destructive nature of sin and the deep-seated satisfaction that is found in Christ. Ephesians 3:14-21

8. There are many other reasons which cannot be comprehended on this side of Heaven.  
Deuteronomy 29:29

The cross of Jesus reveals that...

1. **God is holy and takes our sin seriously.**
2. **God is love and provided a way to have our sins forgiven.**
3. **God receives all who submit to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.**

God used the brutal abuse and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, which was the most horrific event in history, to provide eternal life for sinners.

“Our bad things will turn out for our good, our good things can never really be lost, and the best things are yet to come.” **(Romans 8:18)** Jonathan Edwards 1703-1758

Romans 8 teaches that those “in Christ” are absolutely, positively, unconditionally, and undeniably 100% secure in God forever. Believers have been granted the Holy Spirit as the inner witness of their security in God. **Romans 8:9,11, 15-16,26.** The indwelling Holy Spirit is our highest assurance that we are secure in God.

- **8:31** *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*
- **Hebrews 13:5-6** *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”<sup>6</sup> So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”*
- **8:32** *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*
- **Acts 8:32** *The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth.*
- **8:37-39** *Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- **Romans 6:1** *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?<sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it*
- **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;<sup>15</sup> and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.*

Although Christians still sin and suffer, the message within Romans 8 declares their security in God. It is easy to doubt God’s love or to question salvation as a result of sins committed and sufferings experienced. It is easy to reason against complete deliverance from sin and suffering and to question the absolute assurance of God’s love.