



**GOD'S POWER
FOR SALVATION**

ROMANS

John 17:13

**[Father, I pray that] "they may
experience My joy made full."**

John 16:22

***"You will experience sorrow,
but you will rejoice. And no one
will take away your joy."***

**The Spirit helps us in
the weakness we feel when we suffer.**

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**Weakness is the Spirit's
ideal working environment.**

2 Corinthians 12:9

**And [Jesus] said to me,
"My grace is sufficient for you
for My power is perfected in
weakness."**

Paul is saying:

***Therefore, I will boast all the more
gladly of my weakness so that
the power of Christ may dwell in me.***

**The Spirit helps us in
the weakness we feel when we suffer
by helping us learn to pray
according to the will of God.**

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- 1. Your bad things turn out for good. (v28)**
- 2. Your good things can never be lost. (v29)**
- 3. The best things are yet to come. (v30)**

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1. Your bad things turn out for good. (v28)

And we know that *for those who love God* all things work together for the good.

**Christians experience all the
same things as non-Christians.**

The promise is not:

**"If you love God, you will have
more good things than bad things
happen to you."**

And, the promise is not:

**"If you love God, then bad things
are really good things."**

The promise is that God takes bad things,
and he works them for good
over the course of your whole life.

The promise is, if you love God,
he will make sure
all things work for good
according to his purpose.

**"Everything is necessary that he sends.
Nothing can be necessary that he withholds."**

- John Newton

Why can we have joy no matter what?

2. Your good things can never be lost. (v29)

**The promise is not:
When bad things happen,
God will turn the bad things
into good things.**

And we know that for those who love God,
[God] works all things together
for the good of those who
he predestined to be
conformed to the image of his Son.

**God does not promise you better life
circumstances if you love him;
he promises you a better life.**

**Jesus did not suffer so
you would not suffer,
but so when you do suffer,
you become like him.**

**God takes bad things and
he works them for good
over the course of your whole life
to make you like Jesus.**

Romans 8:29-30

29 For those whom he *foreknew* he also *predestined* to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom he predestined he also *called*, and those whom he called he also *justified*, and those whom he justified he also *glorified*.

**"God works all my bad
for the good of making me like Jesus."**

If God is guiding his eternal plan for our *glory*,
then he must be guiding our present
circumstances for our highest *good*.

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3. The best things are yet to come. (v30)