

“THE REST OF THE STORY”

Text: *Romans 8:28*

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Introduction:

Romans 8:28 is the Christian’s “rest of the story” (in the Paul Harvey sense) because it tells us how the story of the believer’s life is going to end. This verse is a mystery because we don’t know why certain things happen to us or how God makes those things work together for good. We mistakenly believe we must understand this promise before we can trust that God is really in control. But His promise doesn’t depend upon our understanding it. Many people need to unlearn some things they believe about this verse. Let’s look at what *Romans 8:28* doesn’t say before we can understand what it does say.

1. We don’t hope God is in control, we know it.

2. God doesn’t cause all things to happen, but causes all things to work together.

3. Not all things are good, but God works all things together for good.

Not everything that happens to us is good. Nor is everything that happens God’s will, but He will work all things into His will.
(*Eph 1:11*)

4. God doesn’t do this for everyone, but for those who love Him. The Bible tells us God works all things together for good because He knows ahead of time who will choose to love Him.

Eternity	Past	Present	Eternity
<i>Forknew</i>	<i>Predestined</i>	<i>Called Justified</i>	<i>Future Glorified</i>

5. God’s purpose is not to just make us happy, but to make us like Jesus.

Conclusion:

God truly does work all things together for good for those who love Him. Place your situation in God’s hands, and trust Him to work it together for good.