

# Romans

## (29) The eternal plan of God

### *God's secure plan for believers...8:28*

After teaching the intimate work of the Holy Spirit, what does Paul *know*? vs.28

**That in all things (individually good or bad) in a believer's life, God works for our good.**

And what are the two identifiers of those for whom God works 'for...good'? vs.28

**1. those who love Him (because) they... 2. have been called according to His purpose.**

What is the distinct truth about "those who love Him"? Jn.4:19 Rom.8:7-8

**All unsaved are at war with God. But the believer loves Him because He first loved us.**

How is the believer's eternal security taught in Romans 8:28?

**This is God's promise. He works ALL things for our ultimate and final good. Everything!**

How is this further taught in Jn.5:10-13?

**This was written (he that has the Son has eternal life) so we might KNOW.**

What are some types of reactions of believers to eternal security of 8:28?

**1. Untaught 2. Disbelief 3. Distrust 4. Abuse grace 5. Thankful/praise/sin-less**

1. The teaching: Is it taught in Scripture? Rom.8:28-39; Jn.10:27-30; Jn. 6:37-40; Jn.6:44-47, 65

**Absolutely. In plain language we're taught that in Christ we have (now) eternal life.**

2. Disbelief: What is the primary root source of disbelief in eternal saving grace? Gal.1:6-7;3:1-3

**Can't really believe Grace. Want to add self works, some self merit. Salvation never secure**

3. Distrust: Will God change His mind because of my failures and sins? Rom.8:28-37; Phil.1:6

**Absolutely NOT. He is the justifier. He is the Judge. He has promised to keep us (Jn.10)**

4. Abuse grace: Can believers handle such freedom? Gal.5:13-16; Rom.6:1-2, 11-23

**All believers sin, and some is willful. But He intercedes for us. We're kept in His grace.**

5. Thankful: What should be the response of believers who KNOW? 6:14; IICor.9:15; Eph.1:1-16

**We should be the most thankful people on earth! Praising Him and striving to please Him!**

### *God's plan from eternity past to eternity future...8:29*

What is the first explanation for this eternal purpose of good for believers? vs.29

**This is not an afterthought! Those God foreknew He predestined for a specific purpose.**

What is that specific purpose? vs.29

**That these ones (foreknown, predestined) might be conformed to the image of His Son.**

How is this described in other Scriptures? Eph.2:4-10; Jn.6:37

**Believers, the body of Christ, are His eternal showcase of Grace! Father's love gift to Son.**

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