

Series: Romans VIII: Trusting In God's Sovereignty

Message: All Things: Part One

Scripture: Romans 8:28-30 (NASB)

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Four Secrets To A Satisfying Life – Romans 8

- 1) Experience Acceptance vs 1-17
- 2) Rejoice In Suffering vs 16-27
- 3) Trust In God's Sovereignty vs 28-30
- 4) Rest In God's Security vs 31-39

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

²⁹ *For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;*

³⁰ *and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.*

Golden Chain of Salvation

- 1) Foreknowledge
- 2) Predestination
- 3) Calling
- 4) Justification
- 5) Glorification

1. THREE PRESUPPOSITIONS

Fully embracing the belief that "all things work together for good" presupposes:

- 1) God Is Sovereign
- 2) God Has A Perfect Plan
 - (1) Our knowledge is limited while God's knowledge is unlimited.

Isaiah 55:8-9

⁸ *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.*

⁹ *"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.*

1 Corinthians 2:1

¹ *And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.*

(2) We tend to focus on the immediate while God focuses on the ultimate.

Romans 8:29a

29a For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son...

3) God engineers an infallible process to assure His perfect plan
(next week)

Genesis 50:20

20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

2. THREE FOUNDATIONS

The "Golden Chain" can be understood only in light of the Bible's teaching regarding:

- 1) God's sovereignty
- 2) Man's free will
- 3) Man's fall

3. FIVE CHAIN LINKS

Salvation is only to be understood in light of the five links of its golden chain:

- 1) Foreknowledge
- 2) Predestination
- 3) Calling
- 4) Justification
- 5) Glorification

4. COMMON QUESTIONS AND AN IMPORTANT POSTSCRIPT