

Series: Romans VIII: Trusting In God's Sovereignty

Message: All Things: Part Two

Scripture: Romans 8:28-30 (NASB)

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Four secrets to a satisfying life:

1. Experience Acceptance: Romans 8:1-17 (2018)
2. Rejoice in Suffering: Romans 8:16-27 (2018)
3. Trust In God's Sovereignty: Romans 8:28-30 (2019)
4. Rest In God's Security: Romans 8:31-39 (future)

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.

√ 1) God Is Sovereign

√ 2) God Has A Perfect Plan

3) God Engineers An Infallible Process To Execute His Perfect Plan (The "Golden Chain of Salvation").

2. THREE FOUNDATIONS

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

1) God's Sovereignty

RC Sproul, Definition of Free Will

The ability to choose what one desires with no external force coercing a contrary choice.

- (1) Isn't faith in Romans 8:28 a form of self-deception?
- (2) How do you convince hurting Christians that all things work together for good?
- (3) How can a Christian see God's goodness and plan in all things?

(4) Did God foreordain sin or did sin come into the world against His will?

Philosopher's Quote

If God knew we would sin but could not stop it, then He is neither omnipotent nor sovereign. If He could stop it but chose not to, then He is neither loving nor benevolent.

(5) If God foreordained sin, does that not make Him responsible for man's sin?

James 1:13-15

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Part Three

If God is sovereign, is it not unfair that He did not assure the salvation of all people?

Why did God not choose to save all people?

Part Four

How can God be sovereign over man and man still have a free will?

Don't all people have a free will to choose Jesus or not?

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