

Series: Romans VIII: Trusting God's Sovereignty

Message: All Things: Part Four

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)

God's Perfect Plan

Romans 8:28

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.

God's Infallible Plan

Romans 8:29-30

*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. THREE PRESUPPOSITIONS
 - ✓ 1) God Is Sovereign
 - ✓ 2) God Has A Perfect Plan
 - ✓ 3) God engineers an infallible process to assure His perfect plan.
2. THREE FOUNDATIONS
 - ✓ 1) God's Sovereignty
 - 2) Man's Free Will
 - 3) Man's Fall
3. Five Chain Links
 - 1) Foreknowledge
 - 2) Predestination
 - 3) Calling
 - 4) Justification
 - 5) Glorification

- (1) Can God be sovereign over man and man still have a free will?
- (2) Don't all people have the free will to choose or reject Jesus?

Common Definition of Free Will

The ability to make a choice without prejudice, inclination or disposition.

A Better Definition of Free Will

The ability to choose what one desires with no external force coercing that decision.

Natural Ability

The ability all humans have to make the choice they desire.

Moral Ability

The ability to choose Jesus (lost at the fall).

Romans 3:9-12

⁹ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin;

¹⁰ as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;

¹¹ There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God;

¹² All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one."

- 1) If man lost his ability to choose Christ because of Adam's sin, how can all people be held responsible for what Adam did?
- 2) Is it fair to pay the consequences for the sin of a representative we didn't choose?
- 3) Is it accurate to say that because man sins, he is not good and will not choose Christ?
- 4) Is it possible to be elected by God and still not come to faith in Christ?
- 5) If God's choice is not based on His foresight of man's choice, does this not mean that God destines some people to hell?

New Morning Mercies, Paul David Tripp, June 28

Fear lives and rules in the heart of a believer who has forgotten God's sovereignty and grace. If left to myself, I *should* be afraid. There are many trials, temptations, dangers, and enemies in this fallen world that are bigger and more powerful than me. I have to deal with many things that are outside my control. But the message of the gospel is that I haven't been left to myself, that Immanuel is with me in sovereign authority and powerful grace. He rules with perfect wisdom over all the circumstances and locations that would make me afraid. In grace, he blesses me with what I need to face what he has decided to put on my plate. I am never – in anything, anywhere, at any time – by myself. I never arrive on scene first. I never step into a situation that exists outside his control. I never move beyond the reach of his authority. He is never surprised by where I end up or by what I am facing. He never leaves me to the limited resources of my own wisdom, strength, and righteousness. He never grows weary with protecting and providing for me. He will never abandon me out of frustration. I do not need to be afraid. When you forget God's sovereignty and his grace, you give room in your heart for fear to do its nasty, debilitating work. Pray right now for grace to remember. Your sovereign Savior loves to hear and answer.