

Series: Romans VIII: Trusting God's Sovereignty

Message: All Things: Part Nine

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)

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

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.

Prior Weeks:

- 1) God's Sovereignty
- 2) Man's Free Will
- 3) Man's Fall
- 4) Foreknowledge
- 5) Predestination
- 6) Calling
- 7) Justification

Today:

- 5) Glorification
 - Designed with Glory
 - Fall from Glory
 - Search for Glory
 - Discovery of Glory
 - Deposits & Withdrawals of Glory
 - Full of Glory

Definition of Glorification

Glorification is God removing all spiritual defects. It first involves the believer's sanctification, where His people are made and are being made holy.

CS Lewis quote, Weight of Glory

In my own experience, the lawful pleasure of praise from those whom it was my duty to please turns into the deadly poison of self-admiration. But I thought I could detect a moment – a very, very short moment – before this happened, during which the satisfaction of having pleased those whom I rightly loved and rightly feared was pure. And that is enough to raise our thoughts to what may happen when the redeemed soul, beyond all hope and nearly beyond belief, learns at last that she has pleased Him whom she was created to please.

CS Lewis

We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink, sex and ambition, when infinite satisfaction is offered to us...we are too easily satisfied.

Why do we study Romans 8:28-30?

1. They enable us to have a greater assurance of salvation.
2. These doctrines affect our practice of worship.
3. These give us a greater understanding of God and His grace, and thus, ultimately a deeper love for and trust in Him.

John Piper

We will never feel the full wonder of grace until we surrender our claim to have the final say in our own salvation. We will never stand in awe of God's sovereignty over our lives and give Him the glory for all our salvation until we know ourselves so utterly helpless that He had to do it all.

Post Script:

1. A word to those embracing these teachings:
 - a. Always couple the doctrines of grace with the practice of grace.
 - b. Never show greater zeal to convert Christians to doctrines of grace than to introduce the lost to the God of grace.

2. A word to those who have graciously endured this series while disagreeing with these teachings:
 - a. Thank you for your grace and graciousness
 - b. One request: Make sure your reason for rejecting is either:
 - i. because you don't see it in Scripture, or
 - ii. not because it doesn't make sense to you.