

“He Will Find A Way<sup>1</sup>”  
Part 2

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Scripture Text: Romans 8:28-29 NKJV *28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

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

The most powerful Knowledge that we can attain is from the Word of God that we can take our stand in times of suffering. Jesus explained that there are some who receive the word with joy, but their faith is only temporary and when affliction or persecution comes because of the Word, immediately they fall away (Matt. 13:20-21 *“But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.”*).

Sometimes people have the concept that once they commit their lives to Christ all their problems are over. Affliction was not something that they signed up for, they wanted success and prosperity in life, not suffering and not persecution. So, when the trials hit and their prayers were not answered according to their will, they stopped believing. It is especially in times of suffering that Satan, whom Peter describes as a roaring lion, seeks to devour you (1 Pet. 5:8-10). So it is imperative for your spiritual survival that you know and apply what the Bible teaches about trials.

**We heard that God loves us John 3:16 and we responded to His love by accepting His son therefore, receiving eternal life over eternal death. God’s purpose for those whom He calls to salvation is for their ultimate, eternal good.**

Paul says **“all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose”**. “All things” includes the

good things, the bad things and the ugly things in this life for those who love God. It also includes “**the sufferings of this present time**” (in verse 18), as well as tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and sword (

as in verse 35). If that isn't enough include **big catastrophes**—tornadoes, tsunamis, wars, plane crashes, and terrible accidents. Now add to that the relatively **minor frustrations of life**—daily hassles, problems at work, car trouble, traffic jams, relational problems, discouraging situations sickness and death. To those whom God has called, **nothing will prevent good from emerging**, no matter how difficult it may be for us to comprehend the situation or condition! **It's all about His will regarding our lives. Praise the Lord! Let the redeemed say so! Praise the Lord!**

VERSE 29 *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.* NTL *For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters.*

We look at three transitions where God was and is at work: 1. "He foreknew us," 2. "He predestined us," and 3. "We become conformed to Christ." We know that all things work together for our good because God foreknew us, predestined us, and is conforming us like Christ. Two of these are past (foreknowing us and predestining us) and the last of these is Present and Future (conforming us to the image of Christ).

God knew in advance when He created us with free-will that we would have opportunity to make right or wrong choices. The problem with free will is in our flesh; we choose the things that please us first before considering pleasing our Creator. Yet, God intended for us (created in His image and likeness) to be children of God by virtue of His son's death, burial and resurrection. Colossians 1:26-27 “**the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”**

This **mystery** is the introduction of the Gentiles to salvation under the Gospel with the Jews. The gentiles would the same privilege of being Heirs and Joint

Heirs with Christ to bring **glory** to God by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This means that God is revealed to us in Jesus and Jesus is revealed to others by our lifestyle. 1 John 3:2 MSG *"But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see Him—and in seeing him, become like Him. All of us who look forward to His Coming stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own."*