

## A WONDERFUL PROMISE - Romans 8:28

### Lesson 10

ROMANS 8:28 IS ONE OF THE MOST COMFORTING VERSES IN ALL OF THE BIBLE.

*"We have a promise founded on the character of our Creator."*

Charles Swindoll

A. And we know...

1. Not a **feeling** - hope, wish, or think
2. A **confidence** – a sureness
3. Apostle Paul – our **example**

B. To those who love God...

1. God works in the best **interest** of **everyone**.
2. This promise is **exclusively** for His **children**.

C. That all things...

*"This tells us that all things that have ever happened to us or can possibly happen to us are so ordered and controlled by God that the end result is inevitably and utterly our good."*

James Montgomery Boice

1. EVERYTHING in our lives is **controlled** by God.
2. EVERYTHING in our lives is **used** in the lives of **others** as well.

D. Work together for good...

1. How does the **world** define "good"?
2. How does **God** define "good"?
  - a. For our **eternal** good
  - b. For our **character** shaping

*"Only when we see our present existence set in God's activity, which goes from eternity to eternity, do we get it in the right perspective."*

Bishop Anders Nygren

E. Who have been called according to His purpose.

1. Those who **love** God.
2. Those who are called to **join** Him in His **work** on earth.

WHAT SHOULD OUR RESPONSE BE?

*"The universe is not a mechanism run by blind chance; it is run by a Person- by our Father."*

Tim Keller

A. Gratitude and joy for the **good** things in **life**

B. Lack of **fear** and **anxiety** when things seem difficult

C. Confidence that WE cannot **ruin** God's good **purposes**

1. Our failures will not **thwart** God.
2. It develops a view of **ourselves** and **others**.

*"Everything is needful that He sends; nothing can be needful that He withholds."*

John Newton