



ROMANS #5

God's purposes for My Life

1. God's Promise.

Romans 8:28 *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."* Romans 8:27 *"And He who searches our hearts knows the mind and the spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will."*

2. God's Purpose.

Romans 8:28-29 *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son."*

1. He uses His word, the Bible.

John 17:17, Jesus says, *"Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy word is truth."*

2. He uses circumstances.

3. God's Process.

Paul lists five pieces in this chain of God's purpose.

A. v. 29 *"those that God foreknew".*

B. v. 30 *"And those He foreknew He also predestined."*

Philippians 1:6 *"Being confident in this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ."*

C. *"Those He predestined He also called."* v30

D. *"Those He called He also justified."*

E. *"Those He justified He also glorified."*

4. Our Response. v. 31 *"What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us who can be against us."*

Right Attitudes to Suffering.

1. **Trust** – Isa.43:1-2
2. **Submission** - James 4:7 *"Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you."*
3. **Contentment** - 1 Timothy 6:6-8 *"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into this world and it's certain we'll carry nothing out. So therefore having food and raiment let us be content."*
4. **Thankfulness** - 1 Thess. 5:18. *"In everything give thanks".*
Phil. 4:6 *"Be anxious for nothing..."*
5. **Praise** - Phil. 4:4 *"Rejoice in the Lord, always, and again I say rejoice."*
6. **Teachable spirit**