



ROMANS #8

In all things God works for our good

Romans 8:28

You have a spiritual enemy and he is actively trying everything he can to try and trip you up so that you disqualify yourself, the same way he did.

Satan – was not always evil! Some theologians believe he was once the greatest worship leader that has ever lived. Whatever position he held, one thing we can be certain of is it was in a place of high renown as one endorsed by the Father as spectacular. He held a place of prominence in the heavenlies in active service of his God our God.

Check out - *Is 14:12-14* & *Ezek 28: 12 -19*

Eg Satan has been cast to earth, he lost his place in heaven. He is angry and he wants revenge so what shall he do? He can't get at God that has already proven futile. So the only other option he has left if he cant get to God is to go after that which God loves his creation – Adam & Eve – Humanity.

You see this in the encounter with Job when Satan is wanting to get access to Job. He wants to see God hurt by getting his creation to turn away from him during difficult times.

Eg Father with 5 sons and one son betrays him so he is excluded from the will. He loses his place, his position, his inheritance, and he is insanely jealous as he watches his inheritance now being distributed among the others. So he sets out to devise a plan not unlike a suicide bomber. He thinks I have nothing to lose, I'm going down so lets see who I can take with me. So he try's hard to turn the other son's hearts away from dad so that they expel themselves as well. One thing about sin is this, Sin is no fun alone!

Satan's Inheritance has been bestowed upon human beings- God's creation.

We now have the opportunity to bring worship before the Father

We now have the opportunity to fulfill the Father's will

We now have the opportunity to receive His love & blessing.

We have received that which Satan lost! And that my friend is why he went straight after Adam & Eve in the Garden. He is trying to bring pain to God by causing as many of his creation to fall into the same trap that he did.

What was that trap?

Coming to the conclusion that he could indeed be God. He became full of pride & honestly isn't that really what is hindering most Aussies from coming to Christ. We live in such a blessed nations that we don't really need God, so really what we are saying is I will be my own God, thankyou very much.

I will raise my own throne - of BMW / Harley

I will ascend to heaven, - Personal Jet / Travel the World

I will sit enthroned in my own kingdom, - Mansion on the Beach,

I will ascend on high, - look at me, look at me, People will respect me,

I will make myself like the most high

Friends it's a real trap! Success is far more likely to trip you up than failure or poverty! **Eg** Release you to give to Campus Development as we become One Church In Multiple Locations with Multiple Expressions!

You must be aware – that Satan will come & tempt you away from God as he is seeking company on his way to hell! He can't get in so he doesn't want you & I getting in either. Everyone will encounter him & his cronies at sometime or another and we must learn to master them. I call it mastering the chuwhwah!! Really annoying - Big noise but not much u

Eg Jesus in **Mt 4** – Jesus was led by the spirit to be tempted by the devil & tested by God.

If you are the Son of God (shaking his Identity)

V3 – turn stones to bread – (Weakness – Hungry)

V6 – top of temple throw yourself down (Church -stupid)

V8 – all the kingdoms of this world (Wealth & Power)

Tips his hand – you can have all this if you will worship me!

How did Jesus defeat him?

“debate & negotiation” - IT IS WRITTEN.

EG Daily Bible Reading & Journaling – if you don't know your sword your enemy will rip you off every single time. Online YouVersion.

God is so smart – the devil use to work for God. So I guess that meant God had to give him some time maybe a few hours of golf & mentoring every Tuesday arvo around devotions, but the devil spits the big one and gets himself kicked out. Now here what's funny the devil is running around working harder than he did when he served God just to try and get at God, and God is just going Ok well same old, same old cause he cant come up with anything new – So God thinks yeah I can really use that to work out some good. So now the devil is working for God for nothing. He's not real bright!

We have an enemy OK – So Big Deal

Thesis: Anybody can defeat the devil and his schemes in and around their life once they understand and apply the simple process found in **Romans 8:28**

Lets finish our Series with this scripture

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.”*

IN ALL THINGS – GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD...

No matter what the devil may throw your way to try & trip you up into disqualifying yourself from the will & your inheritance with God. Our loving heavenly Father can still take the mess & do a good work within us for his glory.

Mistakes Happen – and the devil wants to condemn you. Ah that's it your out you've blown it, might as well go all the way now & really enjoy what's left of your life before going to hell. Listen two guys in the bible who blew it. Judas sold Jesus out for 30 pieces of silver & Peter denies knowing Christ 3 times. Both walked into the enemies trap. One asked for forgiveness & still believed that God do something with him out of the mess 7 he moved on in life to preach the greatest sermon ever. The other one couldn't ask forgiveness, he couldn't see that God could do anything with the mess he was on, so he spiraled in depression & finally fell for the lie and went out and hanged himself.

Friends – IN ALL THINGS God works for yours & my good! & Don't let the devil tell you otherwise!

I know what your thinking... surely there has to be a catch – as a matter of fact there is?

God works in all things for good to those that:

THOSE WHO LOVE HIM

Do you really love God?

How can you tell if you really love God?

1 John 5:1-5 *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ **This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,** ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*

It's is being able to say with *Job* even though he slay me yet will I praise him.

It's understanding with *Peter* when everyone abandoned Jesus and Jesus asks will you leave me as well. And Peter gets that revelation, where would I go for you alone have the words of life. Which moves us to the next part of our process.

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED

Listen I am not asking you if you have been to a church, I am not asking you if have read the bible & know about God. I am asking have you heard his call?

The call to surrender your live completely to Jesus Christ, to fully embrace the gift of eternal life that he has won on the cross. The reason IN all things God can work for good on our behalf is because we have accepted his gift of salvation by receiving Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. We have stepped back into relationship with him.

Rom 5: 6 -11 ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

Too often we try to make God get with our plan & purpose while he is patiently waiting for us to get with his plan & purpose. He is waiting for us to step into the thing we have been created to do.

If we understand this principle the devil will never be able to get us to disqualify ourselves be cause of a wrong attitude to God coming out of what looks like a dreadful circumstance & situation. We just stand with a quiet confidence surveying the situation & WONDER – wonder what God is going to use out of this to work something good in us, and if you read on in **Rom 8** you find a few more wonderful declarations like:

And if you are in a difficult place right now – hold onto the promise IN All Things God will work God. Look at some of the great promises that follow on later in this chapter;

V31 so if God be for us who can be against us?

V35 What can separate us from the love of God – trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, sword, death, life, angels, demons, nothing present, nothing future, not any kind of principalities & powers.

Nothing – can separate us from God – except **US** deliberately walking into the same trap as the devil and becoming full of *pride* or developing a attitude towards God because we perceive him to have be unjust or unfair with us. God is never unjust, if there is a problem with the connection it is always on our END.

Eg People find it easy to blame God & believe him to be evil God, but they find it hard to believe in a second spiritual entity called the devil who truly is evil & destroying everyone good close to the heart of God!

Eg Devil – don't let him rob you of our inheritance!

Friends we are called to lifestyle of Worship that Wins the world around & it is when we are tested & stand firm in our faith -that often is when of our greatest witness takes place. It under pressure that you see people's true colours. When you don't lose it like everyone else that speaks volumes.

How can you still love God after what is happening around you? Because I understand that God is a good God, but I do have a spiritual enemy who is trying to get at him through me. However I am to smart to fall for that & I am confident that my God will lead me through this! It's an unshakeable faith!

So always remember:

1. IN ALL THINGS GODS WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF
2. THOSE THAT LOVE HIM – obey his commands & they are not burdensome.
3. THOSE HOW HAVE BEEN CALLED – accepted Jesus Christ as there Lord & Saviour
4. CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE – start to step into what God has created them for.