

## **EMBRACING GOD'S WONDERFUL PROMISE & PURPOSE FOR YOU** **(Romans 8:28-29)**

The key verses of Romans: \_\_\_\_\_

Is Romans important to study & grasp? (Romans 16:25)

### The Outline of Romans: The Righteousness of God

- I. Introduction (1:1-17) - The Righteousness of God INTRODUCED
- II. Sin and Condemnation (1:18-3:20) - The Righteousness of God REQUIRED
- III. Salvation and Justification (3:21-5:21) - The Righteousness of God RECEIVED
- IV. Salvation and Sanctification (6:1-8:17) - The Righteousness of God REPRODUCED
- V. Salvation and Glorification (8:18-8:39) - The Righteousness of God REALIZED

**A. Embracing God's PERSPECTIVE on PRESENT SUFFERING & FUTURE GLORY. (8:18-25)**

**B. Embracing GOD'S POWER & Addressing OUR WEAKNESSES in PRAYER. (8:26-27)**

**C. Embracing GOD'S PROMISE & ULTIMATE PURPOSE For You. (8:28-29)**

#### **1. God's PROMISE to Every Believer. (8:28)**

- a. The *connector* of God's promise to the previous context of present suffering & future glory is found in the word \_\_\_\_.
- b. The *certainty* of God's promise is underscored by the words \_\_\_\_\_. "Know" (*oida* – perfect tense, active voice, indicative mood) refers to a settled conviction of certainty, not based upon feelings but upon the facts {such as in 1 John 5:13}. Throughout the book of Romans, the Holy Spirit sets forth scriptural facts that we need to "know" for our faith.
  - Romans 3:19-20; 5:1-3; 6:8-11; 7:18; 8:22, 26; 13:11;14:14
  - Is knowing the principles and promises of Word of God vitally important for your daily walk & spiritual growth?
- c. The *content* of God's promise is... "that {introduces the promise that we know} \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_."
  - What is the context of this promise? Who is the subject of this promise?
  - What "good" is Paul referring to? What is necessary to accept this promise?
  - How do believers "know" this to be true?
    - 1) Based upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ for God is good and does good.
    - 2) Based upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ as God cannot lie.
    - 3) Based upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ in human history seen generally in His sovereign but gracious outworking of this promise in such past events and lives as ...

**d. The *clarification* of God's promise requires that you recognize that this verse ...**

- 1) does NOT teach that "\_\_\_\_\_ are good", for they are not, such as ...
- 2) does NOT teach that "\_\_\_\_ causes all things", for He does not such as ...
- 3) does NOT teach that God negates all negative \_\_\_\_\_ for bad choices.
- 4) does NOT teach that God \_\_\_\_\_ all things as He has a perfect & permissive will.
- 5) does teach that God, without violating your volition or negating consequences for wrong choices, has promised to work all things together for the believer's spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and for God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the outworking of His plan for you.

**e. The *concise recipients* of God's promise are ...**

- 1) NOT \_\_\_\_\_, but ...
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_. How are they described?
  - from the *human* side... "to those who \_\_\_\_\_". (Rom. 5:5; 1 John 4:19)
  - from the *divine* side... "to those who are \_\_\_\_\_ according to His purpose". (Rom. 1:6; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:9-10)
  - How should this promise impact your life?

**2. God's PURPOSE for Every Believer. (8:29)**

**a. God's purpose for every believer is ...**

- 1) sovereignly directed for your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) graciously intended with a definite \_\_\_\_\_ in mind ... "according to His purpose"
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ with all the facts in hand "for whom He foreknew, He also predestinated"  
Some clarification on "foreknowledge" and predestination":
  - The word predestine (pro-or-izo) means: to set a boundary; to mark out, or to determine beforehand.
  - It is never used for salvation (justification) or of God choosing you to be saved.
  - It is always used in the context of either service or glorification.
  - God's plan is good; it is definite, and it is predetermined (with all facts in hand.)
- 4) ultimately is "to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_ {Jesus Christ}."
  - What does this imply and mean in the present & the future?

**b. God's purpose behind the believer's glorification is "that He {Jesus Christ} might be the \_\_\_\_\_ {prototokos} among many brethren."**

- What does "first born" mean & emphasize?
- What should this emphasize to you and me?