

“The Best Is Yet To Come”

Romans 8:28-30

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1. The best is yet to come! (8:28)

Rom. 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

A. We can know—not wonder or wish, but **know**—that God is at work in our lives for good, regardless of the circumstances we may be facing.

B. Sometimes we see and experience things that “work together for good.”

Gen. 50:20 ²⁰ **As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good**, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

Deut. 8:15,16 ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, **that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.**

Rom. 8:32 ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

C. Many times, we don't see things “work together for good” in this life.

Heb. 11:39,40 ³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, **did not receive what was promised,** ⁴⁰ **since God had provided something better for us**, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

2 Cor. 4:16-18 ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Paul may have had in mind our good during this present life when wrote Rom. 8:28, but the context in which we find shows he definitely was referring to our ultimate good in the life to come, which he goes on to explain...

2. The best is in the Son! (8:29)

Rom. 8:29 ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

The “good” God is working within those who love Him is to become more like Christ.

1 Cor. 15:49 ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Philip. 3:21 ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ **who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body**, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1 Jn. 3:2 ² Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; **but we know that when he appears we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is.

3. The best is as good as done! (8:30)

Rom. 8:30 ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, **and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

With just as much certainty as our predestination, our calling & our justification—all of which have already taken place—Paul speaks of our glorification uses a past-tense verb...even though it hasn’t happened yet. We can be that certain of our salvation and our security in Christ forever!

John 17:22 ²² The glory that you have given me **I have given to them**, that they may be one even as we are one,

Rom. 9:23 ²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, **which he has prepared beforehand for glory—**