

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 8:28

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WE ARE ON OUR WAY” – PART 6

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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Romans 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

WE ARE ON OUR WAY

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Romans 8:28a
And we know

Know

grk: ei'do

In the past tense, now we have seen, now we have perceived, now we have experienced or now we have the knowledge of. to be a witness to, to be able to testify of having come to know, having come to the discovery.

This verse and the word “know” makes a great assumption that the reader has encountered the Living God.

“It is to be noted that our text begins with a conjunction. This means that the truth of this section is linked with what has already been set forth. As we have seen, the Holy Spirit dwells within the believer, and makes intercession for him, according to the will of God. Thus, God’s Holy Spirit is directing each believer, according to a predetermined and definite, defined plan.”

Dr. D. Martin Llyod Jones
Westminster Chapel, London, England, 1929

And the Bible Interprets Itself on this Theology from the Old Testament

Psalm 46:10a

Be still, and know that I am God;

Know

heb. yada

to acknowledge (in the moment), to become acquainted with (in the moment), to be made aware of (in the moment), to **discover** what is or what has always been, (in the moment) to perceive the hand of God in every situation from every angle of life. to comprehend what is incomprehensible (in the moment).

Things

grk: tauta

The very **experiences** of life’s moments. everything happening that is happening applies to your life from every point of entry (point of entry being what we see, what we hear, what we feel, what we touch and what touches us, the absolute totality of you and what is going on in your life – HE KNOWS)

All things work together for the good. Even the fall of Lucifer in eternity past was for the greater purposes of God to establish good. A great question does arise here - Did God create Lucifer or did God create Satan? The answer is - God created Lucifer, It was Lucifer who chose to become Satan by the choice he made.

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Psalm 139:1-12

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought(s) afar off. 3 You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. 5 You have hedged me behind and before and laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. (but what if you should become aware of His grandeur - what happens should you allow Him to take hold of your life?) 7 Where can I go from Your Spirit? O where can I flee from Your presence? 8 If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me, “Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness cannot hide from You, but the night shines just as the day; the darkness and the light are both the same to You.

Jesus' Promise to Send the Holy Spirit as the Guarantee of (1) our salvation and (2) our sanctification.

John 14:16-18

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I (Paul) labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

The work of (1) our salvation and (2) our sanctification.

Romans 8:28b

And we know that all things work together for good

Work

grk: er'gon

actions, behaviors, deeds, doings, result – example: *as used to describe the work of a designer – a craftsman using his tools to create and to finish his {thought or idea} by bringing it into physical existence.*

This word "work" implies that all things are activated

which means God doing that work or allowing that work in our lives.

$$1 + 2 = 1$$

From our perspective, there are (1) the good things and (2) the bad things but from God's perspective, there is only (1) the good things. The more suffering is in our life, the greater the end return will be.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Matthew 5:1-12

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hebrews 12:3-4

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

1 Peter 1:3-7

(The Preamble)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:6-7

(The Application)

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

Galatians 6:9

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Define and Describe what the “Work” Looks Like in Real Life

The Application of Truth for Life

It is like the **working** with of a fabric with colored dye. The **working** upon of a stone or marble to create a sculpture.

It means the **working** out of rusted metal – all of this with the intent to either create or restore back to its original glory.

It is the **working** of a recipe. It is the **working** into of an oil or balm.

Psalm 23:5c

You (The Lord) anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

anoint

grk: das'hen

fat, fatness, oil, grease as a healing salve. to cause to heal and to prosper or to be made well again. {to remove or take away the ashes} = ashes were applied to the head of someone who was filled and mourning.

Romans 8:28a

all things work together for good

Together

grk: sun'er'ge'o

working together toward the center. to start from the outer limits and to move continually inward toward the center or point of contact.

The Image here is one of Fertilization or Impregnation

We also get the word {Synergy} or {Centrality} from this sun' er' ge'o - meaning that "the individual parts or moving parts are coming to a convergence - when the "pieces" come together to make the whole - - when that happens, the conclusion or the sum of all things make up one great thing - your spiritual maturity.

Remembering the meaning of the word "and we know" – we now have the word "**together**" which builds upon the believer's assurance.

Verse 28

to those who love God,

**Here's the 1st Qualifier or Prerequisite
to the blessing "all things working together for good..."**

Love grk: agapao or agape
to (1) love another or others with a Christlike manner of love. (2) to allow yourself to be loved by others with a Christlike manner of love

This love is the most talked about of the 4 biblical types of love.

Found in the Greek language – { storge / eros / philia / agape }

agape = It is the highest, most honored, complete display of affection. It is a selfless, sacrificial love that desires to see others being well and doing well. It is an other-centered love.

Verse 28

to those who are the called according to His purpose.

The **Calling** of God. But what is meant by the “called” ?

1st - The “Called” are those who are within (and those who shall be)
In the family of God for all eternity!

Called grk: kletos:
to be welcomed into, to be invited, to be chosen, to be ordained – commissioned, to be on the list.

Galatians 1:15-16

But when it (preexisting plan) pleased God, who separated me (preexisting plan) from my mother’s womb and called me (preexisting plan) through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son (preexisting plan) in me,

In the Family of our United States Military,
It is a great honor to receive your commissioning or orders to “ship out” as it’s said.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 “Before (preexisting plan) I formed you in the womb I knew you (preexisting knowledge); Before you were born (preexisting plan) I sanctified you; I ordained you (preexisting plan) a prophet to the nations.”

Purpose grk: pro'the'sis:
the setting forth of or a resolute plan charted in advance {pro = ahead of and {thesis = organized plan or desired presupposition}.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should (presently) walk in them.

Good

grk: a'ga'thos:

Generous, kindly, only that which is a good thing.

meaning - both for now and at the conclusion or outcome of "the things".

Noah, Job, Joseph, David, - what about Adam & Eve? = good!!!

Ephesians 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should (presently) be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

There is no will or act of creation, of men or of angels, or demons that can do anything other than work out for our good the perfect plan of God.

No dog barking, not a man threatening, or any act against us, no sinister power of evil can succeed against us, all must be for the working out of our good. There is no phenomenon of nature, no fire, no flood, no storm, no earthquake that can work us any ultimate ill.

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The law of gravity cannot trip you up, or cause anything to fall upon your head unless it has first been perfectly allowed by our Father for His greater purpose

concerning you. Every experience of our lives and circumstances are at work for us, whether they be temptations or evils - whatever concerns us - is at work to both develop us and humble us, causing us to rely upon Him alone who can satisfy. What things that are happening now are working to bring us to His ultimate good, otherwise the Lord would permit, not a one of them

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Our lives are not the haphazard result of the moving of blind chance or the throwing down of cosmic dice. All that comes to pass in our lives is according to the perfect eternal plan of the all wise, all powerful and all loving Father. The fact that a man has been chosen according to God's eternal purpose, immediately surrounds him with the protective care of the Holy Spirit. Nothing can touch him until it has passed through the will of God. "No evil that comes against you can overpower you in Christ.

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And Dr. Barnhouse is not alone in that statement...

Isaiah 54:17

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.

A LIGHTNING ROUND OF HOPE

1 John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

Acts 16:31

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hebrews 10:22

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

2 Timothy 1:12

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Isaiah 45:22

"Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

End of Study

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