

August 27, 2017
And Can It Be:
That He Works out His Good Purpose for Us
Romans 8:28-30

I. The Great Promise (28)

II. The Promise Worked Out in Eternity (29-30)

A. Foreknew

B. Predestined

“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons...” (Ephesians 1:4-5a)

C. Called

D. Justified

E. Glorified

“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

Point to Ponder: The question to ask is: do we really believe this? If not, then why not? Is it that we believe God is at times blind to our suffering, or perhaps is overruled by it (that He is unable to stop it), or perhaps that history really is up for grabs (that there really is no sure plan to which we belong)? If we believe any of those things, we will no doubt feel a lack of security in life - our hopes will rise and fall with our circumstances. Furthermore, those beliefs stand in direct contrast to what we know of God through his Word. Knowing Romans 8:28-30 to be true, we should see that it is a very practical thing to meditate on this great promise till it is engrained into our heart and mind - for in it we are given sure footing in a shaken world.