

IN CHRIST

ROMANS, CHAPTER 8

6th Pillar of Blessing from being In Christ

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Romans 8:28-30 KJV “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”

A person who is in Christ, in other words, one who is saved by faith in Jesus Christ has so many blessings. There are seven major or pillars of blessings found in Romans chapter 8 for the Christian. So many Christians are trying to live back in chapter 7, never gaining the victory over sin and living a life pleasing to the Lord when they need to be walking in the Spirit and living in chapter 8.

So far we have looked at four of the seven pillar of blessings found in chapter 8.

- 1st pillar - no condemnation - I have a pardon
- 2nd pillar - freedom to live - I have freedom
- 3rd pillar - adopted into the family of God - I have a Father
- 4th pillar - future joy - I have a future
- 5th pillar - help for my prayers - I have a helper.

The 6th pillar of blessing is found in verses 28-30 which is “_____’ . I have a _____.”

Romans 8:28 is one of the most misunderstood and misinterpreted passages in the Bible. But, it is one of the seven pillars of blessings found in the life of the Christian.

I. God’s _____

Romans 8:28 KJV “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

The reason that this verse is so often misinterpreted is because people do not read the verse in order to understand. I want to show you the verse in the literal interpretation.

Romans 8:28 YNG “And we have known that to those loving God all things do work together for good, to those who are called according to purpose;”

A. Verse 28 applies to one group of individuals - _____
_____.

So often people quote this verse in this manner, “And we know that all things work together for good.” This is all that they quote but they never quote the qualifier to the verse.

B. “All things” mean _____

C. ‘Work together’ means _____

D. ‘Good’ means _____

Hebrews 12:9-11 KJV “Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

When a person is disciplined, during the disciplining, they do not think that it is for their good. But, later they can look back and see how God was doing it for their own ultimate good.

E. God works in the life of the believer _____

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 KJV “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salva-

tion through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

II. God’s purpose

Romans 8:29-30 KJV “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”

A. What is God’s purpose for the things that the believer has to endure?

The word conform means _____.

The word image means _____.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

III. Blessing

God has a _____ and _____ for my life. He is going to accomplish His purpose by conforming me both inwardly and outwardly into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:2 KJV “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”