

The Truth That Transforms: The Book Of Romans
“The Truth About Our Assurance As Believers” Romans 8:28-39
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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Big Idea: If we want real life change, we must allow God’s Word to transform us.

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.” **Romans 8:28-30 (NIV)**

We Have Assurance:

1. God Takes All Events Of Our Lives And Works Them Out For Ultimate Good

“And **we know** that **in all things God works** for the good of those **who love him**, who have been called according to His purpose.” **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

Good News In Romans 8:

- If we belong to Jesus, we are no longer condemned for our sins. Romans 8:1
- The Holy Spirit frees us from the power of sin. Romans 8:2-3
- The Holy Spirit changes our nature to be born again. Romans 8:5-11
- The Holy Spirit empowers us for holy living. Romans 8:12-13
- The Holy Spirit affirms our adoption. Romans 8:14-16
- The Holy Spirit works in securing our eternal glory. Romans 8:17-30

This Is Not Saying All Things Are Good

“Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees, to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people, making widows their prey and robbing the fatherless. What will you do on the day of reckoning, when disaster comes from afar? To whom will you run for help? Where will you leave your riches?” **Isaiah 10:1-3 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

2. God Has Determined To Fulfill His Purpose For The Believer

“For those God foreknew He also predestined to be **conformed to the likeness of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.” **Romans 8:29 (NIV)**

To Be Conformed To The Image Of God's Son Means:

- To become a partaker of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4)
- To be adopted as a child of God (Ephesians 1:5)
- To be holy and without blame before Him (Ephesians 1:4; 4:24)
- To have one's body transformed into an incorruptible body (1 Cor. 15:49-54)

“Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” **Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT2)**

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3. God Has Guaranteed The Glorification Of The Believer

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“For the **grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to **live self-controlled**, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the **blessed hope**--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, **Jesus Christ**, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.” **Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

- **Where are you in the process of being conformed to the likeness of Christ?**

My next right step, I will:

- [] Trust that God is working things out for my ultimate good
- [] Allow The Holy Spirit to transform me to be more like Jesus
- [] Follow Jesus in Believer's Baptism August 29, 2021

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Icebreaker for families: What is one of the best things that happened in 2021?

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Read Romans 8:28

Where have you seen God at work?

Describe a time when God brought something good out of something bad?

To whom is this promised to?

This Is Not Saying All Things Are Good

Read Isaiah 10:1-3

What are things in this passage described as bad?

Are these caused by God or man?

What is the warning?

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To whom is this written?

What is God’s purpose in His foreknowledge and predestination?

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How does this promise help you as a believer?

Read Titus 2:11-14

What does the grace of God teach us?

How has God changed your life so far?

How do you identify as belonging to Jesus?

- **Where are you in the process of being conformed to the likeness of Christ?**

Close in prayer:
