

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

Key Verse: 8:28

“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.”

1. Read verse 28. Why was Paul so certain of God’s intervention in the world (Acts 9:1-6)? How do we know this (8:5-6,14; 1Co 2:14, Jn 7:17)?
2. In what types of life experiences and events does God work?¹ How can an isolated event be bad in itself but work together with other things for a good outcome? How does this recognize God’s sovereignty over the universe and our lives (Gen 1:1, Gen 1:31, Pr 19:21)?
3. What is included in “all things” (Rom 5:3-5, Lk 18:12-14)? How is Jesus’ death an example of this (Acts 2:23, Phil 2:6-11)? What can we learn about God who works for the good (8:32; Gen 50:20; Ps 106:1)?
4. Who does the promise in Romans 8:28 apply to? How can we love God (1 Jn 4:10, Jn 15:10)? To what extent must we love him (Dt 6:5)?
5. What does it mean to be called according to God purpose (29-30, 38-39)? For what purpose does God call people (Jn 15:16, Gen 12:2-3, Eph 2:8-10)? Did God call you for a purpose?
6. What things in your life both positive and negative have led you to realize that God is good? How can this help you be thankful in all things (1 Th 5:18)?

¹ The Greek word used here translated as “all things” is “synergeo”, meaning “works together”. It is the root of the English word “synergy”.