

“ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD”

Romans 8:28

1. Suffering is combined or mixed with the plan of God, resulting in Divine Good.
2. This good is absolute and a blessing. Only God can make it a blessing.
3. God has only a short time in which to demonstrate His love to you through suffering. There is no suffering in eternity.
  - A. Revelation 21:4, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”
4. God’s plan is perfect; therefore, it is greater than any suffering or any combination of adversities or any problems that we will ever face.
5. No problem catches God by surprise. He is omniscient.
6. God has a solution for every problem, every difficulty, no matter how you fail, how you sin, or how you succeed. God has a plan designed for you on this Earth as a believer whereby all things will work together for good.
7. The link between God’s solution and your problems and failures is knowledge of the Word of God and application of the Word of God to your experience.
8. Therefore when tragedy, suffering, strife, difficulty comes, God’s plan calls for maximum blessing.
9. The blessing is always there; the solution is always there.
  - A. Example: You have a deposit of God’s blessings in the bank like a million dollars. Whether or not you experience that blessing depends upon your knowing God’s plan and getting with God’s plan.
10. Suffering combines with the Word of God for the believer in time, resulting in maximum blessing.
  - A. Genesis 50:20, “But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day to save much people alive.”
11. The unbeliever is outside of the plan of God.
  - A. Romans 8:28, “We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.”
  - B. He operates on human standards, human systems, human good, human ingenuity.
12. The plan of God controls the will of God for the believer.
  - A. HE DIRECTS us to operate within the categories of His will.
  - B. HE PERMITS us to operate outside these categories.
  - C. HE OVERRULES in the sense He makes all things work together for good in our lives.

God does not coerce volition, but He uses circumstances.