

Romans 8: All things together for good?

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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 image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

Romans 8:28-30 NIV

How does God work for good?

1. He makes us more like Jesus ✓ .

...to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29 NLT

Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.

Proverbs 20:30 GNT

2. He grants us spiritual intimacy ✓ .

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death [to the human soul].

2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV

3. He gives us His glory ✓ .

And having called them, He gave them right standing with Himself. And having given them right standing, He gave them His glory.

Romans 8:30 NLT

I consider that our present suffering are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18 NIV



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Looking back on your life, what are the two or three most difficult parts of your life? How has God used those to change your perspective? Is there still more change He is doing in you now?
2. How can you use these truths of Romans 8 to encourage someone you know who is going through a hard time?