

Things Working Together for Our Good

Rom. 8:28

Introduction:

- A. “All things” likely limited to context like in Acts 2:44.
 - 1. Other passages teach God’s overruling providence.
 - 2. This passage likely refers to things in immediate context.
- B. Let’s look at the “things” in this chapter that work for our good:

Discussion:

I. The Law of Christ (vv. 1-4).

- A. Three laws in passage: 1) “spirit of life in Christ,” 2) “Sin and death,” 3) “the law”
 - 1. “The Law” and “law of sin and death” discussed in 7:22-23.
 - 2. “Law of spirit of life” same as deliverance in 7:24-25.
- B. Deliverance or freedom comes with obedience (6:1-4; 17-18).

II. Spiritual Mindedness (vv. 5-7).

- A. In the carnal mind, fleshly and temporal interests dominate.
- B. In the spiritual mind, spiritual and eternal interests dominate.

III. The Holy Spirit (vv. 9-17).

- A. The leading of the Spirit (v. 14).
 - 1. Led inspired men directly.
 - 2. Leads uninspired men by their word (cf. 1 Cor. 2:11-13; Eph 3:1-5); 5:18-19 w/ Col 3:16).
 - 3. Those led are the children of God (vv. 14-17).
 - a. Born of the Spirit (John 3:5) through word (1 Pet. 1:23-25)
 - b. Led by Spirit through word (Eph 5:18-19 with Col. 3:16).
- B. The indwelling of the Spirit (vv. 9-11)
 - 1. Promised to all Christians (Acts 2:38; 5:32)
 - 2. Knowing this deters sin (1 Cor. 6:18-20).
- C. The intercession of the Spirit (vv. 26-27)

IV. Hope (vv. 18-25).

V. The Love of God (vv. 31-39).

Conclusion:

- A. For whom do these things work together for good? (Cf. 1 John 5:3).
- B. Do you love him enough to obey the gospel of Christ?
- C. Do you love him enough to continue in obedience?