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# ***THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: The Reason for Our Hope***

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<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## **What God Is Doing?**

1. God Is Always at Work in My Life v28

Who Is He Doing This For?

Those that Love God

Those that are The Called According to His  
Purpose

2. God Is Working In "All Things" for "My Good"

3. All of This Is Consistent with God's  
Predetermined Plan for My Life v29

To Talk About Salvation Is to First See What God  
Has Done, What He Is Doing, And What He Will Do  
Before We Ever Discuss Our Behavior

“From the beginning I predicted the outcome; long ago I foretold what would happen. I said that my plans would never fail, that I would do everything I intended to do.” *Isaiah 46:10, GNB*

“he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,” *Ephesians 1:4–5, ESV*

Predestination Is About the Sovereignty of God  
and the Guarantee of My Salvation

“But the solid foundation that God has laid cannot be shaken; and on it are written these words: “The Lord knows those who are his” and “All who say that they belong to the Lord must turn away from wrongdoing.” *2 Timothy 2:19, GNB*

## Why Is God Doing It?

1. That I Would Be Conformed to The Image of His Son *v29a*

“Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,” *Colossians 1:15, NLT*

“As I Am Conformed to The Image of Christ, He Is  
Made More  
And More the Center of All Things.”

2. That He [Jesus] might be the first born among many brothers *v29b*

## What Am I Going to Do About It?

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

### 1. I Will Not Give up or Give In

"I Can't Chose My Storm – But I Can Choose My Faith"

### 2. I Will Always Trust in God's Love for Me

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is

written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

### 3. When I Fail the Story Is Not Over

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.