

Romans 8:27 (HCS)

And He who searches the hearts knows
the Spirit's mind-set, because
He intercedes for the saints according
to the will of God.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

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.

Romans 8:29 (NIV)

For those God foreknew He
also predestined to be conformed
to the likeness of His Son,
that He might be the firstborn
among many brothers.

Romans 8:30 (NIV)

And those He predestined,
He also called; those He called,
He also justified; those He justified,
He also glorified.

And We KNOW

Romans 8:28-29

8:22 We know that **the whole creation** has been GROANING as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly as we WAIT eagerly for our adoption as sons, the REDEMPTION of our bodies.**

Philippians 3:20-21 (NIV)

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we
eagerly await a Savior from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the
POWER that enables Him to bring
everything under His control, **WILL**
transform our lowly bodies so that they
will be like His glorious body.

24 For in this HOPE we were saved.
But hope that is seen is no hope at all.

Who hopes for what he already has?

25 But if we HOPE for what we do not yet
have, we wait for it patiently. (NIV)

8:26 ...the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do NOT KNOW what we ought to
pray for, but the Spirit Himself
intercedes for us...

27 ...the Spirit **INTERCEDES** for the saints
in accordance with God's WILL. (NIV)

John 3:16 (NIV)

For **God so LOVED** the world that
He **GAVE** His **ONE** and **only Son**,
that **whoever BELIEVES** in Him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

From the human perspective
WE are those who LOVE God,
whereas from **God's perspective**
WE are those who are CALLED.

MacArthur

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)
...if anyone is **IN Christ**,
he is a **NEW creation**;
the **old has gone**, the **new has come**.

8:29 ...God, in His foreknowledge,
CHOOSE them to **BEAR the family**
likeness of His Son, that He might
be the **ELDEST** of a family of
many brothers. (JBP)

When **ALL** believers are **CONFORMED**
to **Christ's LIKENESS**,
the **resurrected Christ** will be the
firstborn of a **new race of humans**,
who are **purified from sin**.

Because we are God's children,
we are Christ's brothers and sisters.

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→What we DO NOT Know - and what we DO Know

8:26...the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do **NOT KNOW** what we ought
to pray for... (NIV)

8:28 And **WE KNOW** that IN ALL things

God works for the good... (NIV)

→ This verse does NOT say that
God CAUSES ALL Things

8:28 And we know that God CAUSES
all things to work together
for GOOD... (NAS)

Nowhere in Scripture do we read that
God causes sin or evil.

He PERMITS these things, but that is
different from **INITIATING** them.

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James 1:13 (NLT)

And remember, when you are being

tempted, **do NOT say,**

“God is tempting me.”

God is NEVER tempted to do wrong,

and He NEVER tempts anyone else.

When tragedy touches a believer we should **NOT conclude** that this is one of the **ALL THINGS** that **God causes**. Rather this verse says that **God brings GOOD out of ALL THINGS...**

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The **CAUSES** of Suffering and Tragedy **ARE...**

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- **SATAN**
- the Sinful **CHOICES** people make
- the consequences of living in a Sinful
CURSED world

→Everything that happens is NOT Good -
BUT GOD USES IT FOR our GOOD

8:28 And we know that God CAUSES
ALL things to work together for GOOD
to those who love God... (NAS)

A portrait photograph of Joni Eareckson Tada. She has short, blonde hair with bangs and is wearing a gold-colored, multi-layered turtleneck. She is smiling warmly at the camera. The background is a plain, light color.

Sometimes God allows what he
hates to accomplish what he loves.

— *Joni Eareckson Tada* —

God causes **ALL THINGS** to work for good,
NOT "all things work out." **Suffering** will still
bring **pain**, **loss**, and **sorrow**, and **sin** will
bring **shame**. But under **God's control**,
the eventual outcome will be for our good.

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→God makes **GOOD** use of
BAD Things

8:28 And we know that God causes **ALL things**
to **work together for GOOD** to those
who love God, to those who are
CALLED according to **His PURPOSE.** (NAS)

29 For those whom He foreknew,
He also **predestined** to become
CONFORMED to the image of His Son...

(NAS)

God is more concerned with
CONFORMING me to the **likeness** of His Son
than leaving me in my comfort zones.
God is more interested in **inward qualities**
than **outward circumstances** - things like
refining my **faith**, humbling my **heart**,
cleaning up my thought life
and strengthening my character.

Joni Eareckson Tada

→ This Truth of Romans 8:28 is about
KNOWING - NOT about FEELING

28 And **WE KNOW** that in **ALL things**
God **WORKS** for the good... (NIV)

28 And **WE KNOW** that God **CAUSES**
ALL things to work together for good... (NAS)

28 Moreover **we know** that to those who love God, who are **called according** to **His plan**, everything that happens **fits into a PATTERN** for good. (JBP)

²⁹ God, in His foreknowledge, **CHOSE** them to bear the family **likeness of His Son**, that He might be the eldest of a family of many brothers. (JBP)

**God weaves everything together for
GOOD for His children. The GOOD in this
context does NOT refer to earthly comfort
but CONFORMITY to Christ.** ESV



My life is but a weaving
Between my God and me.
I cannot choose the colors
He weaveth steadily.
Oft' times He weaveth sorrow;
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the underside.



Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Will God unroll the canvas
And reveal the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned