

**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.**

<sup>23</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> 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,  
CHOSE 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.

## → 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.

Constable

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**... Constable

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

➤ **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)



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**

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

<sup>28</sup> 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)

<sup>29</sup> 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