

**“Secure in God’s Plan”
(Romans 8:28-30)**

We come to a well-loved promise in God’s word that gives comfort and security in any situation we could face in life. As believers in Christ, we can experience the security of God’s plan for us as we better understand and embrace . . .

I. The Unfolding of His Plan (28)

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

- By His **Sovereignty**
- For His **Servants**

II. The Goal of His Plan (29)

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the Image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

- Accomplished by His **Past Work**
- Accomplished by His **Present Work**

III. The Certainty of His Plan (30)

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

- We Have Been **CALLED**
- We Have Been **JUSTIFIED**
- We WILL BE **GLORIFIED**

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Our text emphasizes the certainty that God will accomplish His plans/goals. Share a goal or plan in your life that you were pretty certain you would (or yet will) accomplish.

1. Share something from Sunday’s study that spoke to you personally – a challenge? an encouragement? a good reminder? a question?
2. What are some of the “all things” of Romans 8:28 that are not pleasant to experience, yet God can & will weave together for good? (Consider Rom 5:3-5) What is the meaning of the word “good” in Romans 8:28?
3. What difference should the promise of Romans 8:28 make in our lives on a practical level...in our prayer lives? in going through a trial? in understanding our past hurts or failures? in showing grace to others? in giving hope to others?
4. How does the truth that “God chose you” make your relationship with Him extra special? (Consider Deut 7:6-8, Jer 1:4-5 & Eph 1:4) How does the truth that you can never lose your salvation affect/motivate you?

Digging Deeper

1. Romans 8:28 refers to Christians as “*them that love God.*” What can you learn From other Bible verses that use this same phrase – Ex 20:5-6; Deut 7:9-10; Neh 1:5; Ps 145:20; 1 Cor 2:9; Eph 6:24; and Jas 1:12? Is your love for God evident in the way you live? What needs to change? Consider also Ps 97:10; 116:1; Mat 22:37; Jn 21:15-17; 1 Jn 4:19.
2. Ephesians 1:3-14 is a great passage dealing with God’s purpose for our good and His glory. Read this over a couple times and identify the phrases that speak about God’s purpose in saving you.

For Next Week (Sunday before Thanksgiving)

Read Romans 8:31-39 several times. List everything mentioned in this passage for which we should give thanks to God.