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How do WE KNOW that all things work together for good?

Some Christians have a hard time believing and hard time explaining the statement in **Romans 8:28** that says “all things work together for good to those who love God.” Why do they find it hard to believe or explain? Perhaps because the negative things in our lives are easier to focus on than the positive things. Perhaps because we become so accustomed to and expectant of the blessings that come our way that we overlook them when troubles come into our lives. Perhaps because we don’t understand why good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people. Perhaps because some non-Christians throw into our faces the dilemma of why Christians, of all people, should have to suffer the challenges and misfortunes of life (if there really is a loving God). So, let’s think about this. What do we know?

We know that we most certainly do have a loving God! Think about how this so beautifully portrayed in 1 John 4. “**Love is of God...God is love...In this the love of God** was manifested toward us, that **God has sent His only begotten Son** into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is **love**, not that we loved God, but that **He loved us** and sent **His Son** to be the propitiation for our sins...**God so loved us**...And we have known and believed **the love that God has for us. God is love**...We love Him because **He first loved us**” (4:7-19). He truly is the “**God of love**” (**2 Cor. 13:11**). *We know that!*

We know that God is abundant in goodness, especially toward His children! “The Lord is **good**” (**Psa. 100:5**); “the **goodness** of God endures continually” (**Psa. 52:1**); “the earth is **full of the goodness** of the Lord” (**Psa. 33:5**). Our hearts need to turn to God and say, “Oh, how **great is Your goodness**, which You have laid up for those who fear You” (**Psa. 31:19**); “You **are good**, and **do good**” (**Psa. 119:68**). “Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord **for His goodness**, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!” (**Psa. 107:1, 8, 15, 21, 31**). *We are beneficiaries of the riches of His goodness!*

Here is what the Bible says: “**And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**” We know it! One of the verses of John Newton’s widely-known and loved hymn says, “The Lord has promised good to me: His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.” The Lord has promised that all things work together for my good (as His child). I don’t know when and I don’t know how. But, **I know He will**, and He will “fulfill all the good pleasures of His goodness” (**2 Th. 1:11**)!

David Sproule (Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ)

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
To give glory to God
To be unified in reaching others
To be living witnesses for Christ



*Welcome to the
Palm Springs Church of Christ*

Psalm 124:8 (NRSV) reminds us that “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. “ In the spirit of warm friendship, we welcome all who have come to find help from the Creator and Sustainer of us all.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”

Pray for our Church family:

Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

Pray for family & friends:

Pray for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care, for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke and for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Pray for the improved health of: Michelle Candelario, Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

First responders: Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

Military:

Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

Prayer Warriors Corner

Dear Lord, as we walk through this day, help keep our eyes open to the wonderful blessings and deep joys You send our way so beautifully and so often. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: Curtis Shelburne, Dec. 22, 2023
Read: Philippians 4:10-14

News:

Our next potluck will be on Nov. 5th following worship service! Please bring two dishes to contribute (main & side or main & dessert). Thank you to all!

Indio Church of Christ will be having their Fall Gospel Meeting this week (Oct. 8-11). If you are interested in attending, their information is posted on our bulletin board.

The Community Food Bank: At this time, the most critically needed items are: soups, vegetables, canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans and quart size storage bags. Other Non-perishable items such as: Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are needed. Thank you for your continued support, your donation is greatly appreciated.

In Search of the Lord’s Way: Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

God’s Love

God’s love is like an island
In life’s ocean vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the restless, rising tide

God’s love is like an anchor
When the angry billows roll —
A mooring in the storms of life,
A stronghold for the soul

God’s love is like a harbor
Where our souls can find sweet rest
From the struggle and the tension
Of life’s fast and futile quest

God’s love is like a beacon
Burning bright with faith and prayer
And through the changing scenes of life
We can find a haven there!

—Helen Steiner Rice

Sermon Topic: Look! What God has Done.



Birthdays:

Mario Fuentes:	10/1
Camelia Munn:	10/22

Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

WORSHIP ORDER

WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

480: Blessed Assurance (1-3)

313: The Old Rugged Cross (1,2 & 4)

COMMUNION & OFFERING: Matthew 26:26-29

794: Unto Thee, O Lord (1-3)

567: Restore My Soul (1-3)

SERMON

INVITATION

915: Trust and Obey (1,2 & 5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

Sermons on line: For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

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Tri Lakes Church of Christ in Monument, Colorado