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## Permanent Purpose

Text: Ro.8:28-29; II Cor.3:18

Introduction: All that's revealed by God, strategies in keeping, getting us through storms and fiery situations, is reassuring; God ways are perfect, without flaw. God's plans have a great impact on us. Permanency is in God's purpose. Permanence in a relational sense means someone who is always there for you.

- Permanent: unchanging
  - Romans 8:28 "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." (NKJV).
1. Know (perfect tense: realized and refuse to change position) realization of something, understands, and comprehends—v28.
    - a. Doesn't mean you know how but you realized it does work.
    - b. All things work to assist and be useful (good) for God's purpose.
    - c. Purpose means the reason you're set forth or established/exist. Imagery of the table of bread in the OT tabernacle.
  2. Purpose—v28b.
    - Purpose occupies a position of authority and declares:
      - a. Certainty—beyond the possibility of doubt.
      - b. Confluence—a coming or flowing together, meeting, or gathering at one point (lovers of God and called).
    - Things that happen in our lives; the good, the bad, the just and unjust, work together for our good, in relation to God's glory and purpose.
    - c. Conditions—a state of affairs that must exist or be brought about before something else is possible or permitted (assist in the purpose of God).
  3. Permanency of purpose—Ro.8:29.
    - a. To conformed believers to the image of Jesus Christ (character likeness) - Ro.8:29 (predestined).
    - Conform—*having the same form, similar in form.*  
"For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us<sup>[a]</sup> from the beginning to share the likeness of his Son. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him." (Ro.8:29, The Passion translation)
    - There is a progressive change (developing gradually over a period of time) indicated by the phrase "into the same image from glory to glory."—cp II Cor.3:18
    - b. To make the kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of His Christ! - Rev.11:15

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