

# **The Security of the Believer, Part 1**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8:28.
- B. Paul is talking about justification by faith.

## II. Romans 8 is a chapter on security.

- A. There is no condemnation in Christ.
- B. The Spirit enables us to fulfill the law.
- C. He changes our nature.
- D. He empowers us for victory.
- E. He enables us to be called sons of God.
- F. He guarantees we will reach glory.
- G. He intercedes for us.

## III. All things refers to everything. (2 Corinthians 4:13, Romans 8:32)

## IV. Work means to fuse together. (Psalm 25:10)

- A. All things are not good in themselves intrinsically.
- B. They can be made to work for good.

## V. Good means true goodness not superficial goodness.

- A. God overrules all for good. (Deuteronomy 8:15, Jeremiah 24:5, Genesis 50:20)
- B. Whatever happens in life works together for good.

## VI. Good things work together for our good.

- A. God's nature.
- B. God's faithfulness.
- C. God's love.
- D. God's grace.
- E. God's power. (Deuteronomy 33:27, 2 Corinthians 12:9)

F. God's resources. (Psalm 42:8, Romans 2:4)

G. God's promises. (Isaiah 14:4; Psalm 91:15; Psalm 37:25)

H. Scripture. (Acts 20)

I. Prayer.

J. God's people. (2 Corinthians 1:24)

VII. Bad things work together for our good.

A. Suffering.

1. Suffering is a byproduct of the fallenness of man.

2. God uses suffering. (Ruth 1:21, Jeremiah 24:5)

3. Suffering refines. (1 Peter 5:10, 2 Chronicles 33)

a. Suffering teaches us to hate sin. (John 11)

b. Suffering teaches us to see the evil within us.

c. Suffering drives us to God.

d. Suffering conforms us to Christ.

e. Suffering drives out sin. (Zechariah 13)

f. Suffering confirms our sonship. (Hebrews 12)

g. Suffering makes way for greater glory. (2 Corinthians 4:17)

B. Struggling.

C. Sin.

VIII. Conclusion. (Jeremiah 48:11)

**Application Questions:**

1. How would you defend the security of the believer based on Romans 8?

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2. How have you seen God's good things work for an eternal good recently? Explain.

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3. How have you seen suffering refine you? Explain.

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