

MORE THAN CONQUERORS IN THE CONFLICTS  
OF LIFE

III. MORE THAN CONQUERORS IN THE CONFLICTS OF LIFE. Romans 8:28.

A. All things to those who love God.

1. Meet life in its totality - favorable and unfavorable.
  - a. Unfavorable - no sign we do not love God.
  - b. God could keep Christians from unfavorable circumstances, but He gets more glory by keeping them in unfavorable circumstances.
    - (1) It rains on the just and the unjust."
    - (2) Three Hebrew boys.
    - (3) Daniel
2. Christian people are of greater value to God's kingdom because of exposure to unfavorable circumstances.
3. God doesn't always work the same way with His children when they face unfavorable circumstances.
  - a. James - Peter
  - b. Stephen - Hebrew boys and Daniel
    - (1) Some returned from war, some didn't.
    - (2) Some survived automobile accidents, some didn't.

B. The Results of All Things in Respect to Those Who Love Him.

1. Work together for good.
  - a. It is all things - not just some things.
  - b. All things, not isolated things.
    - (1) Not one thread, but all threads make the pattern when the whole pattern is viewed. It looks different.

2. All things work together for good - not happiness, prosperity, etc.
3. The meaning of all things.
  - a. Not literally, if so God would, at times, depend on the devil to accomplish his work and purpose.
    - (1) John Youngblood
  - b. Not literally, if so God would have to depend on error in heaven's judgment.
  - c. Not literally, if so, God would be responsible for grief, sorrows, accidents, and death.
    - (1) Dr. Young
    - (2) Mrs. Johnson
  - d. Not literally, if so would place a premium on sin. Sinners do things that offend Christian parents.
  - e. What does it mean? Different Versions.
4. We can hinder their work for our good by the wrong attitude.
  - a. Granddaddy and Daddy
  - b. Marie Downer
  - c. The same experience may drive one closer to the Lord and another from the Lord. He keeps on loving.
5. The good about which He refers.
  - a. Be conformed to the image of His Son.
  - b. First born among many brethren.
    - (1) Special blessing to first born.
    - (2) Priest - Double portion.

C. The Resources That Are Available to Make Possible All Things Working Together for God - To Those who Love God.

1. The all-knowing knowledge of God. v. 29-30/
  - a. Justified - Glorified. Provisionally pre-destined - IF.
2. The all-power of God. v. 31.

3. The all-inclusive work of Christ. v. 32-34.
  - a. Death of Christ for our atonement. v. 32
  - b. Resurrection of Christ to guarantee our resurrection.
  - c. Intercession of Christ to assume victory in prayer and daily living.
4. The all-sufficient Grace of God.
  - a. The list is staggering.
  - b. Begins by no condemnation - ends in no conclusion.

CONCLUSION: Poem.

#### PLACES PREACHED

1. Virginia Camp

July 20, 1965

TRANSLATIONS OF ROMANS 8:28

## ROMANS 8:28

Goodspeed - Romans 8:28

"We know that in everything God works with those who love Him whom He has called in accordance with His purpose, to bring about what is good."

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"We know also that those who love God, those who have been called in terms of His purpose, have His aid and interest in everything."

R.S.V.

"We know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him who are called according to His purpose."

The New English Bible:

"...and in everything as we know, He co-operates for good with those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

The New Testament in Modern English:

"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."

Amplified:

"We are assured and know that (God being a partner in their labor), all things work together and are (Fitting into a plan) for good to those who love God and are called according to (His) design and purpose."

Romans 8:28

Berkeley: "But we know that for those who love God, for those called in agreement with His purpose, He co-operates in all things for what is good.

Williams:

"Yes, we know that all things go on working together for the good of those who keep on loving God, who are called in accordance with God's purpose. . . . "

20th Century New Testament

"But we do know that God causes all things to work together for the good of those who love him, those who have received the call in accordance with His purpose."

"We know that all things work in behalf of God for those who are called according to His purpose" . . . .  
That is, all things are caused to contribute to the general good of the person who loves and keeps on loving God.



AFTER CHRISTMAS \_\_ WHAT ?

Matt. 2:12-23.

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Matt. 2"12-23

I. CHANGED LIVING MUST RESULT, V. 12.

- A. The wisemen saw and followed the star--  
came prepared to worship--returned another  
way--over the command of Herod.
  - 1. Worship--giving of expensive gifts  
are futil if they do not result in changed  
lives.
  - 2. Each of us should be closer to God.
  - 3. Each of us should be a greater blessing.
  - 4. Sermon--Anna--Shepherds
  
- B. Herod became all the more vile in his  
character.
  - 1. God knows the thought of Herod's heart.
  - 2. No doubt that he would have slain the  
wisemen.
  - 3. He slew the children.
  - 4. He was not mocked by wisemen, but by  
God.
  - 5. Helps to mark account for the special  
ministry of Jesus to children.

II. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOD AND MAN  
MUST BE CONSTANT.

- A. God speaks (various ways); man must hear  
and obey, "A seeing heart and a hearing ear."
- B. Response to God's message requires instant  
response as well as patient waiting for God's  
schedule--"till I bring thee word!".
- C. A ministry of warning, v. 12.
- D. A ministry of watching, v. 19.

III. CHRIST MUST BE FIRST.

A. They saw the young child and worshipped Him--not Mary.

1. His name mentioned first, v. 11, 13, 14, 20, 21.

B. Attitude we may take toward Christ.

1. Wisemen--earnest seekers.
2. Scribes--knew about him but ignored him
3. Herod seeks to destroy Him.
4. Joseph--guard and protects Him in order that He may accomplish His will for mankind.

## PLACES PREACHED

1. World Headquarters

Dec. 26, 1963

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- I. WHY HALT BETWEEN BEING ALL OUT FOR GOD OR ALL OUT FOR THE DEVIL?
  - A. Elijah lived where God wanted him to live.
  - B. Prophets of Baal were given the advantage.
    1. God of fire--first opportunity.
    2. The fire came down from heaven and proceeded downward--sacrifice--wood--12 stones (around) dust of earth or the wood of the altar--water--
  
- II. WHY HALT BETWEEN SERVING A GOD WHO CAN DO SOMETHING FOR YOU AND A GOD WHO CANNOT DO ANYTHING FOR YOU?
  
- III. WHY HALT BETWEEN HAVING COMPLETE VICTORY OR HAVING ONLY PARTIAL VICTORY?
  
- IV. WHY HALT BETWEEN BEING A SPECTATOR OR BEING A PARTICIPANT IN THE WORK OF GOD?
  - A. Indecision - decision.
  
  - B. Tried to join the two religions.
    1. The famine made them afraid to reject Jehovah, but the power of the king made them afraid to reject Baal.
  
- V. WHY HALT BETWEEN BEING PREPARED OR BEING UNPREPARED?
  - A. "Repaired the altar of the Lord.

- B. Elijah--No dangers kept him back from any point where duty demanded his presence.
- C. He had the courage to stand up singly.

## PLACES PREACHED

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| 1. Asheboro (Rushwood)     | Oct. 23, 1962 |
| 2. Salem, Oregon           | Oct. 16, 1963 |
| 3. Aumsville, Oregon       | Oct. 20, 1963 |
| 4. Allen Mitchell Memorial | May 17, 1964  |

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE PLAN OF  
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## A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Gen 1:1; II Cor. 5: 17-19; II Peter 3: 10-13; Rev. 21:1-5.

### I. GENERATION:

- A. God said, "Let there be," and there was.
- B. "It took a miracle to hang the world in space; It took a miracle to put the stars in place, but when He saved my soul, cleansed and made me free, It took a miracle of love and grace."
- C. God created man.
  - 1. Created in the image of God.
    - a. Moral image--not a machine.
      - (1) Capable of doing right and wrong.
      - (2) Capable of choosing right or wrong.
    - b. Spiritual image
      - (1) God is a spiritual being.
      - (2) Man was created a spiritual being.
    - c. We were created as human beings.
      - a. Human drives, food, drink, sex.
      - b. Capable of obeying, loving, etc.

### II. DEGENERATION.

- A. Created holy, placed in a perfect environment, subjected to a fair test, and taught the penalty of failure to comply.
- B. The temptation of Eve.
  - 1. Loitered in the area of the forbidden too long.
  - 2. Let down the standard of God's Word.
  - 3. Questioned God's way.
- C. Man's relation to God was changed.
- D. Man's nature was changed.
- E. Affected by the fall.
  - 1. Total depravity in that total being was affected.
  - 2. Errors growing out of teachings on depravity.

- a. Total depravity, hence man is hopelessly lost and thus his salvation depends on the decrees of God--that is whether God predestines his salvation or damnation.
  - b. Man really is not depraved--a spark of divinity in man. If properly trained man will do right
3. Man is totally depraved but the prevenient grace of God makes possible the salvation of all who meet the conditions for obtaining salvation--repentance and faith.
- a. The prevenient grace restrains man from sin.
  - b. It constrains man to repent.
  - c. It completes the work of grace predestined by God's plan of salvation.
    - (1) Salvation to all who meet conditions.
    - (2) No one can keep us from salvation but ourselves.
    - (2) Heaven in the end as we meet the conditions --walking in the light.

### III. REGENERATION.

- A. Man-- II Corinthians 5:
  1. New birth, John 3:3.
  2. Sanctification, Hebrews 12:14.
  3. Perservation of Saints, Matthew 24:12.
- B. The world, II Peter 3: 10-13.
- C. Heaven, II Peter 3: 10-13; Revelation 21:1-5.

1. High Pine, N. C.                      March 15, 1964
2. Gastonia, First, N. C.      September 21, 1964
3. Falconer, N. Y. (St. Claire)      October 16, 1964
4. Eekin, N.C. (Pilgrim)              March 21, 1965
5. M. Camp                                      July 23, 1965

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