

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS

MAY 3, 2020

1. Read Romans 8:28-30
2. Life rarely (if ever) goes according to plan. Why is acceptance so critical to being able to move forward in the face of broken plans and the circumstances that have broke those plans?
3. What is necessary in order for you to come to a place of acceptance in the adversity you have faced or are facing?
4. Who is this promise in Rom.8:28 intended for? What is mean by “those who love God...are called according to His purpose”?
5. The one overarching reason why you and I can know with certainty that this promise will come to pass is because God is in control of all things. Do you believe that, and if so, why? Is there anything you don't believe He is in control of?
6. Our comfort isn't just in the fact that God is in control of everything, but it's who this God is who is in control of everything. How do you describe this God who is in control of everything? What are His attributes? How does knowing Him this way bring you comfort?
7. Q.26 of the Heidelberg Catechism asks, “What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?” The answer is, “I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.” Discuss this answer. Also, why does Ursinus (writer of HC) connect it with Rom.8:28? Can you see and make that connection as well?
8. Though God may bring all sorts of good out of your adversity, there is one specific good Paul has in mind here, to conform you into the image of His Son. What does that look like? How do you view that ‘good’?
9. What comfort do you find from this text/sermon? Be specific.
10. Pray!