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**GOD IS IN CONTROL WORKING
EVERYTHING FOR GOOD**

Life Is a Mystery

- Life is strange. Sometimes we wonder if God is in control.
- Everything can be going along just great and then from out of nowhere disaster strikes.
- Before we know it life's problems can leave us lying wounded and bleeding in the ditch.
- When life goes smoothly for us we are tempted to believe we are in control.
- Problems of all sizes and degrees happen to everyone.



How Much Is God in Control

- Rom. 8:28: Christians can be assured that God is there and in control.
- God is in charge of bringing about His purpose for His glory and our good.
- Unbelievers have no claim to this promise until they accept Jesus as the Lord of their lives.
- God is in control but His promise of working good out of problems applies to His own children.



And... We Know

- And means there is a connection between what Paul was saying and what he is about to say.
- Paul has been speaking about the sovereignty of God in relationship to the spiritual life.
- We know means a definite note of certainty. It means there isn't any thing that isn't clear.
- The sovereignty of God is self-evident in our salvation and in God's truth.

All Things Working together

- Paul doesn't say each event is good. He informs us that all the events working together produce what is good.
- It may not seem good by itself, but when mixed by God with other correct events it will surely produce what is good.
- God has a way to causing all things to work together for good. We can't judge the goodness of God's work until His program is finished.

Examples of Biblical Men & Women

- Moses was a man who knew the will of God. He knew God wanted Israel delivered from slavery and he was called to do it.
- Daniel was a young man when war came to his country. He was taken to a strange land.
- Ruth after ten years of marriage her husband died. She was left alone as a poor widow.
- Esther lost her parents and was raised by her uncle.
- Joseph was violently ripped from his beloved father and home. Falsely accused of rape.



Remember God is in Control

- When we come face to face with problems, we need to remember God is in control.
- Our lives are in God's hand. If we are walking in fellowship with God then nothing can touch us unless it is allowed by God for our good.
- God doesn't rescue us from the facts of life, we face the same problems everyone else faces.

When Evil is Deliberate: God is in Control

- When people seek to deliberately hurt us, God is in control. Gen. 50:20
- God doesn't always stop evil but God takes what is meant for our harm and turns it around for our benefit.
- Sometimes what we see as a defeat is actually a victory.
- We need to remember the spiritual realm is more important than the physical realm.



Facing Problems and Tragedies

- If we can face problems and tragedies and not be shaken in our faith we win a major victory.
- Satan tries to prove we only love God for what He does for us.
- We can rejoice at the good we know will come of it, but when something hurts it hurts.
- We will come out on the top in the end. We may not understand how it worked for good.



Christians Negative Confessions

- Some Christians have become afraid of making a negative confession so they are afraid to admit when they are hurting.
- There is no point in denying when unpleasant things happen to us. Denying something doesn't change it.
- It is important to remember when we are hurting that in some way God will work good.

When Something Bad Happens

- Do we thank God or rebuke the devil?
- When we walk with God everything which happens is allowed by God for our good and His glory.
- Start with the realization if we handle the situation properly it becomes a growing experience.
- There are some cases where there is nothing we can do but take it to God and trust Him.

Walking Out of Fellowship with God.

- If we are walking in a way that is not pleasing to God will God still work good out it?
- If we continue to walk with a rebellious heart we may not benefit from the good God wants to bring us.
- God loves us so much that when we walk away from Him, He will do whatever is necessary to motivate us back to Him.

How To Handle Sickness.

- It is not the general will of God for His people to be sick.
- First look for any obvious reasons God may have allowed it. Is it a result of sin? Repent.
- Was the sickness allowed because we are not taking proper care of our bodies?
- Are we allowing our emotions to tear at our bodies through fear, worry?

Change and Consequences of Sickness

- When we change God may remove the sickness or to work out the consequences of our actions.
- In some cases sickness doesn't come because of sin or mistreating the body. It comes as a Goliath that must be defeated.
- We fight this Goliath through faith in the goodness of God, prayer for healing.

We Serve A Good God

- God is in control. It is our unswerving faith in the goodness of God which will pull us through experiences which would crush others.
- God never loses control. God sees the future that we can't see.
- Never lose heart. These little troubles are winning for us a permanent glorious reward out of all proportion to our pain.

Lesson Summary

- Christians can be assured that God is always in control.
- God is in control but His promise of working good out of problems applies to His own children.
- The bible doesn't teach that each event is good but that all events work together to produce what is good.
- Our lives are in God's hands. We can't judge the goodness of God's work until His program is finished.

See You Sunday

- 7:30 “The Best Is Yet To Come”
Josh. 14:7-15 Pastor Washington
- 9:30 Rev Watley Reid North
- 10:30 “The Best is Yet To Come”
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- 6:00 Rev. Watley
- Remember the Andrew plan!!! Win a soul for Christ. Blessings