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Victory through SOVEREIGNTY

ROMANS 8:28-29

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INTRODUCTION

a. Difficulties in life where we cannot see purpose in everything
b. We believe that God is always at work
c. God is still sovereign (ruling over all)

I. GOD'S PROMISE "...**all** things work together for good..." (vs. 28)

A. _____ promise—we **know** based on God's word

1. _____ things—good, bad, indifferent

2. Job 19:25: _____**KNOW** that My Redeemer shall stand upon the earth at the last day

3. 1 John 5:13: _____ **KNOW** that you have eternal life

B. _____ promise—"work together"

1. God rules over our _____

2. 1 Chronicles 29:11: **ALL** things in heaven & earth _____ to God

3. Example of Fanny Crosby, blind song writer

    1. Fanny Crosby, "God makes no _____."

II. GOD'S PURPOSE "...to _____ who are the called according to God's purpose..." (vs. 28)

A. To a _____ (saved) people

1. 1 John 4:19: Why do we _____ God? Because God _____ loved us

B. For a _____ purpose

1. Philippians 1:6: God who _____ a good work in us will _____ it until the Day of Jesus Christ

2. God is not _____ with us yet

III. GOD'S PROCESS "conformed to the image of God's Son" (vs. 29)

A. If God brings you _____ your difficulty, He will bring you _____ it

1. Example: Processing metal under heat of fire

B. _____ process: "...whom He foreknew..." (know before it happened)

1. Isaiah 46:10: God _____the end before the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done. God says, "My counsel shall stand."

2. God works in _____ situation

C. _____ process "…**'CONFORMED'** to the image of His Son…" [Jesus]

1. 1 John 3:1-2: God's love that we should be called the _____ of God...we shall be _____ Jesus

2. God conforms us in _____ ways, like prayer and trials

3. God's conforming _____ are His tutoring and guiding loving hands