



Roman's 8:28 is about knowing and seeing God's providential work in your life. You see, for "all things to be working for the good" means that God **has been** working and **is** working in and through our lives now and in the future.

Conforming to the **likeness** of Christ is all about God receiving glory and honor as we become like Christ.

What we see here in verse 29 is a very clear picture of God's perfect **will**. God foreknew those who were to become like His Son, to be conformed to His **likeness**, so that God the Father would be glorified.

All things working for the **good** means that God wants to use all things in **moving** me toward being conformed to Christ's likeness. When I begin to see things in light of God's will and purpose - my **attitude**, endurance, and patience, in response to my circumstances, all change.

Paul is speaking in **past** tense, and yet, he is referring to something that has not yet happened. Our glorification has not occurred. Paul writes with the assurance and guarantee that what God began in His foreknowledge has been **accomplished**, it will be done, it is done.

Our **salvation** – our glorification – the life we have in Christ is all **guaranteed**. Nothing, absolutely nothing can interfere with that.

Whatever we have to face or suffer in order to be conformed to the likeness of Christ, we can **endure**.

So, where does that leave us?

Four questions:

1. If God is for us, who can be against us?
2. Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?
3. Who is He that condemns?
4. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Four Answers:

1. He gave up His own Son for you and is going to give you **everything** you need to live, endure, and glorify Him.
2. God is the only one who could bring a charge against you and he chose for His Son to take that **penalty** instead.
3. God raised Jesus to life and He is actually **interceding** for you.
4. What could you ever face, or encounter that can separate you, take you away from, destroy your relationship with, or keep you from Christ? – **NOTHING!**

Application

God **loves** you and absolutely nothing can separate you from that love.

Remember your **value** is not in whether you have success or failure in trying to match up to this world's standards, your value is in being like **Christ**.

You will **struggle** in your walk with Christ – but when this happens, do not leave God.

Remember that God wants to use **everything** for you to be conformed to Christ – no matter who or what comes up against you at you – they will not be greater than God – in Him you are **invincible** – no one can condemn you.

Remember that living for Christ, as a believer involves and requires **suffering**.