

SAFE IN HIS HANDS

ROMANS 8:28

As Christians, this single verse contains one of the most glorious promises in all Scripture: ***“AND WE KNOW”!***

Not ***“I THINK SO”***—not ***“MAYBE”***—not ***“POSSIBLY”***—not ***“IF GOD HAS A GOOD DAY”***—but ***AND WE KNOW!!***
Certainty for yesterday, today, and forever.

- Paul is not expressing his personal intuitions or opinions, but is setting forth the inerrant truth of God’s Word.

HOW BIG ARE HIS HANDS?

GOD is the guarantor of this promise, and He can handle “all things.”

THE ONLY TWO OPTIONS FOR “ALL THINGS” FOR A TRULY SOVEREIGN GOD:

- God actually **CAUSES** any and all things for His purposes.
- God **ALLOWS** any and all things for His purposes.

HIS HANDS ARE BIG ENOUGH FOR ALL THINGS.

HOLY SYNERGISM

The corollary of “*all things working together for good*” is that nothing can ultimately work against us as believers, either. **ROM. 8:39**

- “**To work together**” comes from *sunergeoô*, from which we get the English word *synergism*, the working together of various elements to produce an effect greater than, and often completely different from, the sum of each element separately.
- Example: table salt!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY GOOD?

- 1. First of all, God causes righteous things to work for our **good**.*
- 2. God's power supports us by causing **good**.*
- 3. God's wisdom provides for our **good**.*
- 4. Almost by definition, God's goodness works to the **good** of His children.*
- 5. God's faithfulness works for our **good**.*

MORE GOODNESS!

- 6. God's Word is for our **good**.*
- 7. In addition to His attributes, God's holy angels work for the **good**.*
- 8. God's children themselves are ministers of His **good** to each other.*
- 9. Although the truth is often difficult to accept, the Lord causes even evil things to work for our **good**.*

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

- 10.** *God uses the evil of suffering as a means of bringing **good** to His people.*
- 11.** *God uses the evil of temptation as a means of bringing **good** to His people.*
- 12.** *God even uses the evil of sin as a means of bringing **good** to His children.*

***HOW MANY THINGS ARE SYNERGIZED
FOR THE GOOD? **ALL THINGS.*****

WHO IS SAFE IN THE FATHER'S HANDS?

"To those who love God, to those who are called." 8:28c

GENUINE LOVE FOR GOD HAS MANY FACETS

- 1. First, godly love longs for personal communion with the Lord. PSALM 42:1-2***
- 2. Genuine love for God is characterized by peace that only He can impart. PSALM 119:165***
- 3. Genuine love for God loves the things that God loves, especially His word. PSALM 119***

MORE OF THE WHO'S WHO

- 4.** *Genuine love for God loves the people whom God loves.*
1 JOHN 3:14
- 5.** *Genuine love for God hates everything that God hates.*
1 JOHN 2:15
- 6.** *Genuine love for God longs for Christ's rapture and return.* **2 TIM. 4:8**
- 7.** *Lastly, a final mark of genuine love for God is obedience.*
JOHN 14:21

THE SAFETY OF BEING CALLED

Believers have never been *called* on the basis of their works or for their own purposes.

- Faith in God has always been the only way of redemption.
- God has chosen us and we must also choose Him.
- Just as the Jews were not chosen because of who they were, but because of who God is—neither are you nor I.

THE SOURCE OF OUR SAFETY

- God causes all things to work together for the good of His children because it is *according to His divine purpose*.
ALL THINGS IF YOU ARE HIS!
- *He uses all things to bring people to Him and then bring us all the way home!*
- *And it's all real good then!!*
- How many things? *"ALL THINGS."*

AS HIS CHILDREN, WE ARE SAFE IN HIS HANDS!