

In All Things

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Romans 8:28-39

I can appreciate the cautions I have heard from pulpits against the “name it and claim it” word-of-faith type of theology. Sometimes this type of faith is fixated on material things like wealth and physical health. Romans 8:28-39 encourages us to trust God for much more: “all things.”

Notice that the “all things” God gives does not include release from all suffering, but it does contain a promise of future glory (vv. 17-18). We are promised the hope that brings salvation (v. 24). We are promised the Holy Spirit’s assistance in our prayers (vv. 26-27). “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (v. 28, emphasis added). What is His purpose? “He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son” (v. 29). We may face “trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword,” yet “in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (vv. 35, 37, emphasis added). Nothing can separate us from His love. Now, that is a promise I can cling to!

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