

*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. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30 (NIV)*

## Purpose

I know the purpose of my life. The purpose of my life is no mystery to me. **Really, you are that clear on your purpose in life? You have not one bit of doubt about your purpose in life? You have unwavering confidence about the purpose of your life?** That's right. I have no doubts about my purpose in life. I have unwavering confidence that I know my purpose in life. **Well then, tell me what is your purpose in life.** Before I do that, I must say a couple things. **I'm listening.** I only know my purpose in life because you have shown it to me. I am only confident about my purpose in life because you have given it to me. In fact, it would have been more accurate and proper to say that I know your purpose for my life. I can only say that I know my purpose in life because I have made your purpose my purpose. My passionate desire has taken hold of your purpose of my life. This desire clearly could have only come from you. **Are you done qualifying your statements?** Yes, I am. My purpose in life is to become like your son, Jesus Christ. **Yes, it is. It pleases me that you know and have made this purpose your very own.** Becoming like your son is defining and directing my purpose and the entire course of my life. **That is very good.**

There is more. There is something else that I am supremely confident about. **What's that?** I am confident about you. **That's good.** You will use all of life to mold and shape my life so I will keep on being conformed into the likeness of your son. You will take the good and bad things that happen in my life to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans for my life. I know that you are not the author of trials and suffering and difficulty. I know that you weep with me as I go through pain in life. In every trial, suffering and difficulty, you will draw near me as I draw near to you. You will hear my prayers as I cry out to you. **Yes, I will.** I will have no doubts that you will keep on taking all of life to use it to mold and shape me into the likeness of your Son. I welcome all your good work in me. **That is very good.**

*Heavenly Father, thank you for calling me to come to you. Through your son, Jesus Christ, you made it so I could be righteous in your sight. Use everything I go through in life for your purposes. Mold and shape my life so I will be conformed to Christ's likeness. Amen*

## Becoming Like Christ *Works For The Good*

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. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

NIV Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *Everything To Work Together For Good*

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

NLT Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *All Things Work Together For Good*

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

NRSV Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *Work Together...For Good*

We are assured *and* know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together *and* are [fitting into a plan] for good to *and* for those who love God and are called according to [His] design *and* purpose. For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren. And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

AMP Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *All Things To Work Together For Good*

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

NASB Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *All Things Work Together For Good*

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

ESV Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *All Things Work Together For Good*

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

NKJV Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *Worked Into Something Good*

That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.

MSG Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *Working For Our Good*

And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans. For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers. And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us "not guilty," filled us with Christ's goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory.

TLB Romans 8:28-30

## Becoming Like Christ *Works For The Good*

We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him. They are the people he called, because that was his plan. God knew them before he made the world, and he decided that they would be like his Son so that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers. God planned for them to be like his Son; and those he planned to be like his Son, he also called; and those he called, he also made right with him; and those he made right, he also glorified.

NCV Romans 8:28-30

# Works For The Good

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Romans 8:28-30

**In Context:** *Read Romans 8*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Heavenly Father, thank you for calling me to come to you. Through your son, Jesus Christ, you made it so I could be righteous in your sight. Use everything I go through in life for your purposes. Mold and shape my life so I will be conformed to Christ's likeness. Amen

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**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How were you called to begin to love, follow and serve Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

**When has God taken something very negative and used it for something very positive in your life?**

How has the Lord been with you to help you as you have gone through great difficulties in life?

**How is your love for God and His love for you defining and directing the purpose of your life?**

**What has God been using to mold and shape your life so you will conform to the likeness of Christ?**

Why can you be absolutely certain that you have been made righteous in the eyes of God?

How is God helping you to shine brightly for Him so you can bear fruit for His kingdom and bring glory to His name?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it the purpose of your life to love, follow and serve God with all that is within you.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will work everything you go through in life into something useable for His purposes.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your love for God is defining and directing the purpose of your life.

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**Close With Prayer:** ***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you welcome your Heavenly Father's work in you of conforming you into the likeness of His Son.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Heavenly Father, use all of life to conform me into the likeness of your Son.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, how do you want to conform me into the likeness of your Son today?*

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