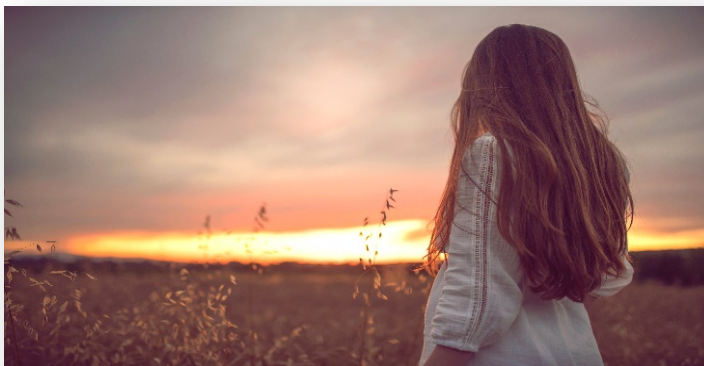


## **DO ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD?**

*And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

**Romans 8: 27-28**



Is it true that everything that happens to us God will work it out for our good? Many times, Romans 8:28 is quoted, but is not read in its entirety and it leaves Christians to believe regardless of what happens God is going to turn it to our good, but this verse has three stipulations tied to it. There are three things that tie all things working together for our good and they can be found in Romans 8:27-28.

Romans 8:28 cannot be read and understood fully unless we begin with the previous verse because verse 28 starts with “and”. God will work all things together for our good to those who first are allowing the Holy Spirit to intercede and make intercession for them. A believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit can pray in their prayer language and when they know not what they ought to pray, they can pray in the spirit and pray the perfect will of God and receive wisdom in that area (1 Cor 14:2,14).

Secondly, this verse applies to those who love God. Someone who loves God, loves God’s ways and desires to live holy. As children of God, we should value what He values and hate what he hates (Rm 12:9). If we are walking in the same direction of the devil we will never collide.

Lastly, this verse applies to those who are called according to His purpose. What was Jesus’ purpose? “For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (1 Jn 3:8). If a believer chooses to live in sin and by their own free will and rebel at the things of God, they are not destroying the works of the devil but are actually participating in the works of the devil and this verse will not work for them.

In conclusion, those who allowing the Holy Spirit to make intercession, love God, and are called according to His purpose have a powerful scripture to stand on and know that no matter what the enemy throws at them, God will work it out for their good.