

Romans 8:28

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Introduction

- As Christians, we rejoice in the forgiveness of sins and long for eternal life
- But in this life, trials come including painful suffering, persecution and death, causing us to question if God is really cares for us and will help us
- Romans 8:28 teaches that God looks ahead and works all things together for the spiritual good of those who love Him, His faithful children

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Introduction

- This looking ahead and providing for His children is often called God’s providence
- Through His working He provides Christians with all they need to become conformed to Jesus’ image, persevere all trials including death and eventually be brought to eternal glory
- In short, God works all things to our spiritual good that He may be glorified now and for eternity

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What Is Included In All Things?

- God’s plan will not be overturned by all the evil that is done by Satan and those who follow him
- Some wrongly see Romans 8:28 as proof that even if Christians sin they can never be lost after once being saved
- Although God overrules sin by His own purpose being done, He will allow us to suffer the consequences of unforgiven sins

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We Can Choose To Suffer The Consequences of Unforgiven Sins

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

Rom 6:2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

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We Can Choose To Suffer The Consequences of Unforgiven Sins

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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We Can Choose To Suffer The Consequences of Unforgiven Sins

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

Rom 6:13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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We Can Choose To Suffer The Consequences of Unforgiven Sins

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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God Causes All Things To Work Together For Good

- God is not the cause of evil but He works all things together overruling evil so that His purpose is accomplished
- The good brought about is our spiritual good that we may be conformed to the image of His Son, withstand all trials and eventually be glorified with God in eternity
- Therefore, be warned not to redefine the good done to narrow materialistic and sinful circumstances

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God Is Not The Source of Evil

Jas 1:12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

Jas 1:13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

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God Is Not The Source of Evil

Jas 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

Jas 1:15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

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Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Rom 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

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Rom 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

Rom 8:21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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Rom 8:29 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;

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Rom 8:30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

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Rom 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

Rom 8:34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Rom 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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Rom 8:36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

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Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

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Gen 50:19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place?

Gen 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, *but* God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Most Times We May Not Know Exactly How God Is Working All Things For Good

Est 4:13 Then Mordecai told *them* to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews.

Est 4:14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

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Joh 14:15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

1Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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2Th 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

2Th 2:14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

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Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

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Romans 8:28 Examples From The Old Testament

- Although Romans 8:28 is a New Testament passage, we see even in the Old Testament the principles mentioned there at work
- God worked together all things for the good of His people according to His purpose eventually to bring Christ into the world to save humanity from their sins
- Two of the clearest examples of this are Joseph and Esther

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Romans 8:28 Examples From The Old Testament

- Most of our study will be on Joseph and we will lightly touch on Esther
- First, we note passages which reveal God's purpose to Abram concerning a future nation of Israel and a future promised seed who would bless all nations
- Although much evil is done, God worked all things for good to those serving Him that His purpose would be accomplished

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God Reveals His Purpose To Abram

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;

Gen 12:2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

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Gen 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Gen 12:7 The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him.

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Gen 15:13 *God* said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 "But I will also judge the nation whom they will serve, and afterward they will come out with many possessions.

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God Reveals His Purpose To Abram

Gen 15:16 "Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the iniquity of the Amorite is not yet complete."

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Joseph Favored Envied and Hated

Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a varicolored tunic.

Gen 37:4 His brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers; and so they hated him and could not speak to him on friendly terms.

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Joseph Favored Envied and Hated

Gen 37:18 When they saw him from a distance and before he came close to them, they plotted against him to put him to death.

Gen 37:26 Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it for us to kill our brother and cover up his blood?"

Gen 37:27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our *own* flesh." And his brothers listened *to him*.

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Joseph Favored Envied and Hated

Gen 37:28 Then some Midianite traders passed by, so they pulled *him* up and lifted Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. Thus they brought Joseph into Egypt.

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Lineage of Christ Continues Through Judah and Tamar

Gen 38:15 When Judah saw her, he thought she *was* a harlot, for she had covered her face.

Gen 38:16 So he turned aside to her by the road, and said, "Here now, let me come in to you"; for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?"

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Lineage of Christ Continues Through Judah and Tamar

Gen 38:18 He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" And she said, "Your seal and your cord, and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave *them* to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

Gen 38:29 But it came about as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out. Then she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" So he was named Perez.

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The Lord Is With Joseph In Egypt

Gen 39:1 Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him from the Ishmaelites, who had taken him down there.

Gen 39:3 Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and *how* the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.

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The Lord Is With Joseph In Egypt

Gen 39:4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.

Gen 39:9 "There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?"

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The Lord Is With Joseph In Egypt

Gen 39:20 So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail.

Gen 39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer.

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Gen 39:22 The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible *for it*.

Gen 40:13 within three more days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you will put Pharaoh's cup into his hand according to your former custom when you were his cupbearer.

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Gen 40:14 "Only keep me in mind when it goes well with you, and please do me a kindness by mentioning me to Pharaoh and get me out of this house.

Gen 40:21 He restored the chief cupbearer to his office, and he put the cup into Pharaoh's hand;

Gen 40:23 Yet the chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

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The Lord Is With Joseph In Egypt

Gen 41:1 Now it happened at the end of two full years that Pharaoh had a dream, and behold, he was standing by the Nile.

Gen 41:4 The ugly and gaunt cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. Then Pharaoh awoke.

Gen 41:7 The thin ears swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Then Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream.

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Gen 41:34 "Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth *of the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.

Gen 41:35 "Then let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh's authority, and let them guard *it*.

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God Uses Joseph To Preserve His People

Gen 41:39 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has informed you of all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you are.

Gen 41:40 "You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you."

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God Uses Joseph To Preserve His People

Gen 41:57 *The people of* all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth.

Gen 42:3 Then ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy grain from Egypt.

Gen 45:5 "Now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.

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God Uses Joseph To Preserve His People

Gen 45:6 "For the famine *has been* in the land these two years, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

Gen 45:7 "God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.

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God Uses Joseph To Preserve His People

Gen 45:8 "Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 45:9 "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

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Gen 50:24 Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob."

Gen 50:25 Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here."

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God Preserves His People Through Esther

Est 4:11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days."

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Est 4:12 They related Esther's words to Mordecai.

Est 4:13 Then Mordecai told *them* to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews.

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Est 4:14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

Est 4:15 Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai,

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Est 4:16 "Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish."

Est 4:17 So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him.

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God Preserves His People Through Esther

Est 7:3 Then Queen Esther replied, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request;

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God Preserves His People Through Esther

Est 7:4 for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king."

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God Preserves His People Through Esther

Est 7:9 Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who *were* before the king said, "Behold indeed, the gallows standing at Haman's house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good on behalf of the king!" And the king said, "Hang him on it."

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Romans 8:28 Examples From The New Testament

- Although much evil was done against Jesus, He served the Lord without sin
- In spite of man's efforts to destroy Him, God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to His right hand
- Instead of being only the murder of an innocent man, God brought about His purpose, a perfect sacrifice for our sins

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Romans 8:28 Examples From The New Testament

- In spite of persecution, God worked all things for good to spread His gospel throughout the world
- Although we may not be able to tell exactly how and when God works in our own lives, if we love Him, we can be assured He is working all things for good, to His glory now and for eternity

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Jesus Perfectly Obeyed God At All Times

Joh 8:29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."

Heb 5:8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

Heb 5:9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mat 26:48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him."

Mat 26:49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

Mat 26:50 And Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mar 14:61 But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

Mar 14:62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mar 14:63 Tearing his clothes, the high priest *said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?"

Mar 14:64 "You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mar 15:9 Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

Mar 15:10 For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

Mar 15:11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead.

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mar 15:15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus scourged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Mar 15:16 The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they *called together the whole *Roman* cohort.

Mar 15:17 They *dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him;

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mar 15:18 and they began to acclaim Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Mar 15:19 They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.

Mar 15:20 After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His *own* garments on Him. And they *led Him out to crucify Him.

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mar 15:24 And they *crucified Him, and *divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them *to decide* what each man should take.

Mar 15:31 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking *Him* among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself.

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Some of The Evil Done Against Jesus

Mar 15:32 "Let *this* Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe!" Those who were crucified with Him were also insulting Him.

Mar 15:37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last.

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God Overrules Evil By Bringing Good Accomplishing His Purpose

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Mat 26:32 "But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

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Joh 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Luk 23:46 And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last.

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Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

Act 2:23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

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Act 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Act 13:29 "When they had carried out all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the cross and laid Him in a tomb.

Act 13:30 "But God raised Him from the dead;

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God Brings Good To His Persecuted Church

Act 8:1 Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Act 8:2 *Some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

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Act 8:3 But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

Act 8:4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

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God Brings Good To His Persecuted Church

Heb 12:4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

Heb 12:5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

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God Brings Good To His Persecuted Church

Heb 12:6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Heb 12:10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, so that we may share His holiness.

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Heb 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

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God Brings Good To A Persecuted Apostle Paul

2Co 12:7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself!

2Co 12:8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me.

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2Co 12:9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

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God Brings Good To A Persecuted Apostle Paul

Php 1:12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

Php 1:13 so that my imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else,

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Php 1:14 and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

Php 1:15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

Php 1:16 the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel;

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Php 1:17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

Php 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice,

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Php 1:19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Php 1:20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

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Php 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

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