

God Gives you Purpose in Your Suffering

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KEY VERSES

- Romans 8:18-30
- Ephesians 1:3-5
- Genesis 50:15-20
- Acts 2:22-23
- Lamentations 3:19-24



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Christ followers are called for God's Purposes
- God's purposes include the following themes: foreknowing His people, being predestined to become like Christ, being elected as believers, being justified, and being glorified.
- God uses everything to make you like Christ



TALK ABOUT IT

1. Which of God's purposes give you the greatest comfort? Which theme would you like to know more about? Why?
 - being foreknown before the foundation of the world
 - being predestined to become like Christ
 - being elected as believers
 - being justified
 - being glorified.
2. Paul uses the past tense of "glorified" even though we wait for this moment. Why do you think he does this? What is he trying to communicate?
3. Paul says that everything works for good. How does this offer believers encouragement?



APPLY IT

1. Give thanks to God for each of His purposes for you that are given in verse 30. Pick one of the purposes and pray for someone else to be comforted by that purpose today.
2. Write down three sufferings that God has brought you through in the last few years. Take five minutes to praise and thank Him for making you more like Christ through these sufferings.

