

Building You

One of the things we have tried to do during August is examine what God is building right here right now as a local church. Today we'll wrap up our series on building by taking a very personal look at what God is doing inside of us. He is committed to seeing His work through. God is building you.

I. Why God Saved You

- A. Romans 8.28 & 31 present us with two general truths given by the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. 8.28 - *God causes all things to **work together** for the good of those who love Him.*
 - 2. 8.31 - *God is for us.*
- B. 8.28 - God is working for your "good." **Good** refers to your final glory.
- C. 8.29 - Why did God save you? *To be conformed to the image of his Son.*
 - 1. 8.29 - **image** means "replica." This is a likeness that has been intentionally replicated. It's not accidental. It's nothing something we do to ourselves.
 - 2. 8.30 - we await the day when this will be 100% reality.
 - 3. Philippians 1.6 - God is always working to bring you to **completion**.

II. The Goal of Christian Living

- A. 3.17 Paul says the Lord has brought us freedom. Freedom from what?
- B. 3.18 - God has revealed Himself through Jesus **and when we look at Him we are transformed**.
 - 1. We are being **transformed** *into the same image of the glory of the Lord, from glory to glory.*
 - 2. Psalm 84.7 - the psalmist described going *from strength to **strength**.*

III. How to Cooperate with God while He Builds

- A. **Move with a singular focus.**
 - 1. Philippians 3.13b- what is the **one** thing Paul pursued as his goal?
 - 2. *Can we truly say Christlikeness is the goal of our life?*
- B. **Embrace the power you have been given.**
 - 1. Ephesians 1.19 speaks of *the immeasurable greatness of his **power** and the mighty working of his strength.*
 - 2. James 4.7-8 - **Resist** the devil & he will flee. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
 - 3. 2 Peter 1.3 - *Jesus' divine power has given you everything required for life and godliness.*
- C. **Trust that God knows what He is doing.**
 - 1. Jeremiah 1.5 - *Before I formed you in the womb, I **knew** you...*
 - 2. Jeremiah 29.11 - who is God and what does He want? *God is for you.*
 - 3. Proverbs 3.5-8 - trust God.

IV. Conclusion

- A. 2 Corinthians 3.17-18 - This is the goal of Christian living.
- B. Will you surrender? Philippians 1.6 - He will complete what he starts.