

A River Runs Through It
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There is a river that runs through the lives of Christian people, and that river is called the “Purpose of God.”

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. ... And those he predestined he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified. Romans 8:28-30

The World Can Be Difficult

There's a Difference Between a Reason and a Purpose

- Reason looks at the isolated event; purpose looks to the big picture.
- Reason is fixated on the present; purpose looks down the road to future outcomes.
- Reason insists on an explanation; purpose says let's get on with it.
- Reason hangs on to the event; purpose hangs on to God, who is at work in it all.
- Romans 8:28 is about purpose not reasons.

God's Purposes Will Prevail

God's purpose—that you and I should attain to the highest possibilities for which we were created, men and women in the image of God and conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ, spending eternity with the ones we love in Christ and with Him.