

# Called: Called With A Purpose

(Romans 8:28-30)

## Introduction

God has a plan for your life. God's plan should be my purpose.

God's plan is perfect. God's plan is positive. God's plan is providential.

"I don't know about that preacher. Not everything in my life is perfect; not everything is positive. I've had some bad things happen to me." Understand, the plan is perfect, but not event is pleasurable.

God arranges our days so that He might fulfill His purpose in us.

**What is God's plan for me?** God's plan is strengthen our character so that we develop Christ-like character.

**Contextualize this message in the series.**

**What does it mean to be "called?"** *Called* means to experience a divine moving on one's life that results in a sense of purpose, urgency and responsibility that transcends the temporal to the supernatural.

**Contextualize Romans 8**

## I. The Promise (Romans 8:28, "we know")

**(Principle:** *God is always at work in your life even though you may not readily see it.*)

- Romans 8:28 is one of the most misunderstood verses in the Bible
- It is more than positive thinking!
- It is more than believing everything will turn out well in the end!

**A) The Determination ("we know")**

**B) The Dynamic ("all things work together")**

### **C) The Destination (“for the SPIRITUAL good”)**

(Doesn't mean everything is good, but that it works together for good.)

## **II. The Purpose (Romans 8:29)**

(**Principle:** God's ultimate purpose is to strengthen our character and make us more like Jesus everyday.)

So, what is Christ-like character?

### **A) Presence of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)**

### **B) Cooperation with the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)**

### **C) Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26)**

## **III. The Process**

(**Principle:** God providentially uses both pleasure and pain to bring about change in our lives.)

### **A) Pleasure (Romans 8:31-32, blessings)**

### **B) Pain (Romans 8:18, sufferings)**

Life may not be easy, but he assures us he loves us, is with us, and will never abandon us!

## **Conclusion**

- Trust God's plan
- Stay focus on the end result
- Give thanks in everything
- Never give up