

THINGS THAT WORK TOGETHER.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: **Romans 8:28**.

B. Regarding the text:

1. "All things" are limited to things that are authorized.
2. Other passages teach God's overruling providence.
3. This passage includes things pleasant and things unpleasant (**Acts 20:24**).
 - 1) Not all things are good.
 - 2) However, all things *work together* for good... to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose (**Phil. 1:12**).

C. Let's look at the "things" in this chapter that work for our good:

I. THE LAW OF CHRIST (VS. 1-4).

A. Three laws in passage: 1) "spirit of life in Christ," 2) "Sin and death," 3) "the law."

1. "The Law" and "law of sin and death" discussed in **Romans 7:22-23**.
2. "Law of spirit of life" is the same as deliverance in **Romans 8:2**.

B. Deliverance or freedom comes with obedience.

1. **Romans 6:1-4**.
2. **Romans 6:17-18**.

II. SPIRITUAL MINDEDNESS (VS. 5-7).

A. In the carnal mind, fleshly and temporal interests dominate.

1. **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**.
2. **Rom 8:6**.

B. In the spiritual mind, spiritual and eternal interests dominate.

1. **Romans 8:1**.
2. **Romans 8:12-14**.

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT (VS. 9-17).

A. The leading of the Spirit (**Vss. 12-13**).

1. In the first century, the Spirit directly led inspired men (**2 Peter 1:20-21**).
2. Today, uninspired men are led by the word.
 - 1) **1 Timothy 2:2**.
 - 2) Today we give the same message, if they study the inspired book (**2 Timothy 2:15; Romans 1:16-17**).

B. Those who are led by the Spirit are the children of God (**Vs. 14-17**).

1. Born of the Spirit (**John 3:5**).
2. This birth is done through obedience to the word.
 - 1) **1 Peter 1:22-23**.
 - 2) **Galatians 3:26**.
 - 3) **Romans 10:17**.

IV. THE LOVE OF GOD (VS. 31-39).

A. **Rom 8:31** "... If God be for us, who can be against us?"

B. What can separate us from the Lord's love? Nothing (**Vss. 35-39**)!

C. His love provides all things that work together for our good (**Hebrews 6:15; James 1:12**).

V. CONCLUSION:

A. For whom do these things work together for good? (**1 John 5:3**).

B. Do you love him enough to obey the gospel of Christ?

C. Do you love him enough to continue in obedience.