



## What a Loving God Does

**Romans 8:28-30 | May 5 & 8 | Bob Wade**

REVIEW: Not to start on a downer, but did anyone experience any suffering this last week? If so, how did last week's sermon cause you to view it from God's perspective?

1. Someone said, "Nothing can blow you over when you are inside the walls of Romans 8:28; outside all is confusion, anxiety, fear and uncertainty." How do you respond to this? What are the truths of verse 28 that provide this unshakeable security?
2. "And we know" – Bob reminded us that, unlike God, we don't know or understand everything fully, and we don't always know in the "now." Why is it important to realize instead that our greatest knowledge is what we know about God?
3. *God cares.* God is the Great Orchestrator that causes all things to work together for our good. Looking back, do you have any life experiences that testify to that truth? (Refer to the biblical examples of Deuteronomy 8:11-17 or Genesis 50:20)
4. "those who are called" – To be called is to be given a special invitation or appointment. Look up 2 Timothy 1:8-9 and 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 and discuss the implications of this calling.
5. *God conforms.* How does the "good" of verse 28 relate to being "conformed to the image of Jesus" in verse 29? We are called to be like Christ in character now as we will be like Him in a glorified state in heaven. How would you evaluate your "Christ likeness?"
6. *God plans.* Verse 30 has been referred to as "the golden chain of salvation." The only active agent of this chain is God. Why is that important to remember – in terms of our salvation, our becoming more like Him now, and our ultimate glorification?
7. If you had to summarize verses 28-30 to someone who is going through confusing and difficult circumstances, what would you say?