THE GOSPELFOR THE WHOLE WORLD

"Our Good God's Good Plan" / Romans 8:28

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The New Testament Romans 8:28-30

Matthew Mark Luke John Acts *Romans*

1/2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians

1/2 Thessalonians 1/2 Timothy Titus James Philemon 1/2 Peter **Hebrews** 1/2/3 John Jude **Revelation**

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

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Many truths that we do not know;

Some truths we think we know,

A few truths that we do know.

Two things we don't know.

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Romans 11:34

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

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Isaiah 55:8

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord."

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Two things we don't know. 1) v.26 - How to talk to God. 2) What "good" really means. • We assess the goodness of circumstances based on what we like.



Five things we know. 1) God alone is good, knows good and does good. Psalm 136:1

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."

Matthew 19:17

"Why do you ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied. 'There is only One who is good."

Five things we know. 1) God alone is good, knows good and does good. • All that is good is because of God. All that is not good is used by God.

Five things we know. "in all things..." We know that God is at work in every circumstance. GOODNESS OF GOD

Five things we know. "God works (is working)..." 3) We know that God is at work in all human life.

Five things we know. "... for the good of (to) those who love Him..." 4) We know that God works for perfect good to come to His people.

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"... for the good of these who love Him..."

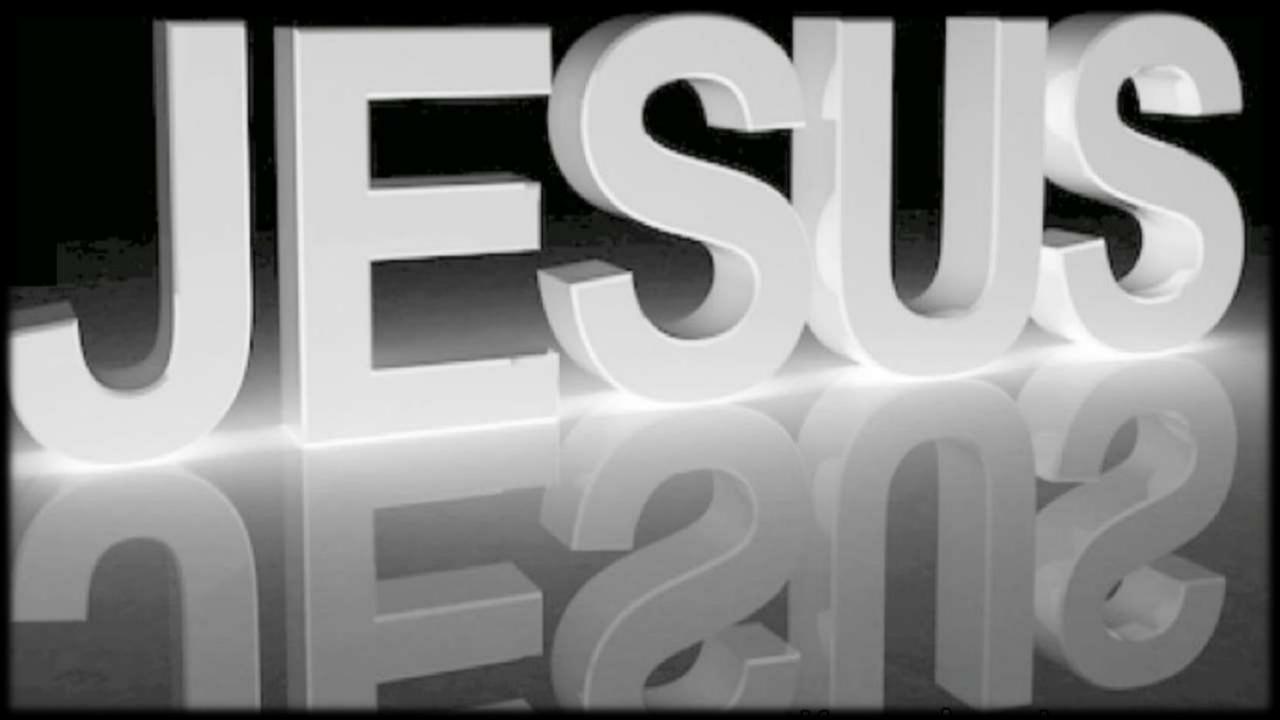
"... for good to those who love Him ... "

Five things we know. "... for the good of (to) those who love Him..." We know that God works for perfect good to come to His people. It is not our good that God is working for; O it is *His* good.

Five things we know.
"... (to those) who have been called according to His purpose."
5) We know that God's good is clearer when we realize that we are called to His plan.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

The Course A



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• We endure suffering not by trying to be brave, but by believing that God is at work.

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