

## NEW YEAR, NEW HOPE! Romans 8:28-32

How do we overcome our PAST, truly enjoy our PRESENT, and be full of hope for the FUTURE? It's not the suffering in this fallen world, but the bitterness, self-pity, and hopelessness about our suffering that destroys us. Yesterday's failures/hurts, today's burdens, and tomorrows uncertainties are no match for God's Amazing Grace working for us, in us, and through us.

### 1) My Bad Things Will Work Out For My Good (Past).

v28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

- "We Know" = (Gr. oida) Knowledge gained by facts or data.
- "All Things" = Positive or negative, painful, or pleasurable.
- "Work Together" = it is the sum total of all things.
- "For Good" = v29 "Conformed to the image of His Son."
- "For Those" (2xs) = Who love God and are called according to His purpose.

Ps.63:3; Job 13:15, 42:5-6; Gen.50:20

### 2) My Good Things Can Never Be Taken From Me (Present).

vv29-30 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son (sanctified), in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

- "Foreknow" = (Fore-loved) God sets His love on us. 1Jn.4:19; Luke 15:11-32
- "Predestined" = (Pre-determined) God has a glorious plan for us in Christ. Eph.1:1-14
- "Called" = God invites us into that glorious plan. 1Tim.2:4-6; 2Pet.3:9
- "Justified" = God declares us righteous in His sight. Rom5:1; 2Cor.5:21; Rom.8:15-17

- "Sanctified" = God's plan is for us to be like Jesus. v29; Phil.1:6, 2:12-13; Acts 4:13
- "Glorified" = God completes His plan in eternity.

Dan.3:16-18, 25

### 3) My Best Things Are Yet To Come (Future).

v30 ...he also glorified. vv31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

- There are greater levels of intimacy and wholeness in Christ awaiting you in this life that are beyond your wildest dreams. v29; 2Cor3:18; Pro4:18
- Life in Glory with our Savior will heal all of our wounds and answer all of our questions and make everything sad come untrue and be all the more glorious for having once been lost as we live happily ever after. Rev.21:1-7

### Growing Notes

- 1) It is not the suffering in this fallen world, but our bitterness (past), self-pity (present), and hopelessness (future) about our suffering that destroys us. Explain. How is yesterday's failures/ hurts, today's burdens, and tomorrows uncertainties no match for God's Amazing Grace?
- 2) Read Romans 8:28-31. How do our bad things work out for our good (v28)? What is the good that God is wanting to accomplish in our life (v29)? Who is this promise for? How will this eliminate bitterness in our life (Gen.50:20)?
- 3) What are the good things that can never be taken from me (vv29-30)? How would these good things keep us from self-pity in suffering? If God never did another thing for you, why would this be enough to face any fiery furnace giving glory to God (Dan.3:16-18, 25)?
- 4) What are the best things yet to come for a believer in Christ (vv30 "Glorified"-32)? Why should we be like children who can't hardly wait for Christmas morning? How would this keep us full of hope even in suffering? What will life in glory with our Savior be like (Rev.21:1-7)? What is God speaking to you through this study for the New Year? Pray.

## db events

- > **E-MAIL UPDATE:** Please update your e-mail so we can send out end-of -year Giving Statements! Fill out a comment card and drop it in the offering box! Thanks!
- > **ANOMALY EVENT:** Pizza, Pazookie & Disney, Wed. **1/5, 6-8:30!**
- > **WED AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Starts this week (1/5, 9-11am) in the book of James. Register @ dbcc.com!
- > **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Begins again **Friday, 1/7, 6:30pm.** Start the New Year with the right foundation!
- > **MEN'S 33 – Volume 2:** Begins **Sat 1/8, 8am** in the Breezeway. Cost is \$20 for the book. Register @ dbcc.com!
- > **CAR SHOW:** In the parking lot, **Sat 1/15, 8a-2p.** Fun, Cars & Food Trucks! Check out the flyer in this bulletin!
- > **JESUS & WOMEN:** 7 weeks starts **1/19, 6:30pm.** \$5 cost + buy your own book by Kristi McLelland (amazon). Register Now! (Childcare available, but space is limited to 10!)
- > **DBKIDS: Parents Night Out,** Thursday, **1/20, 5-8p.** Register Now!
- > **DBKIDS: Volunteer Family Picnic** 1/22 @ Paseo Highlands Park. Save the Date! Details coming soon!
- > **DB LIFE:** 8 weeks starting **Tues 1/25, 6:30pm.** \$30 Couple/\$20 Single. Childcare available. Register @ dbcc.com!
- > **LOVE YOUR MARRIAGE:** Dinner Date & Discussion – **Fri 1/28, 6:30p.** Couple \$20/Singles \$10. Childcare available. Register now @ dbcc.com!
- > **ANOMALY CAMPS: HS WINTER CAMP** January 28-30. \$150. **JR HIGH WINTER CAMP** @ UCYC, Feb 4-6. \$150. Register for both now with Jayse! Space is limited!
- > **LEADERSHIP MEETING:** **Sun, 1/9 9am** in the Youth Room.
- > **FOOD PANTRY:** **11:30a, Thursdays** in the Community Hall.
- > **PRAYER NIGHT:** **6p Sunday Evenings** in the Central Lobby
- > **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** **Fridays, 6:30p** in the Sanctuary.

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Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9a - 3p

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How we are Made Complete in Christ.  
Jan 8/9  
Jan 15/16

# New Year – New Hope

## January 1 & 2 2022

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.

Budget Results for December 24 & 26

General Giving

Budget \$25,000 - Actual \$46,676