

The Promise of Romans 8:28

“And” - The Perspective of Context

(series #1)

I. Five “Big Questions” Addressed by Romans 8:28

- A. Is It Possible to Know Why Things Happen? . . . “we know” .
- B. Are Things Under Control? Who Is In Charge? . . . “God causes”
- C. How Are Things Going to Turn Out? . . . “for good” . . .
- D. For Whom Does God Keep Things Under Control? . . .
“those who love God” . . . “those who are called” . . .
- E. Why Try to Know Why?

II. “And” - the Lesson of Scope and Time

- A. The Context of Scripture
- B. The Context of Life: Past - PRESENT - Future

III. Joseph - A Biblical Example of Context Perspective

IV. PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING

- A. It is possible for every believer to understand the purpose of the events of life. In fact, it is the “standard!”
- B. For every believer, the events of life are under control . . . and the One in control is God, Himself.
- C. To understand a verse as well as it may be understood, the believer must understand the context of that verse. If the context is not understood, serious mistakes may be made in the interpretation of the verse.
- D. To understand the present situation of life, the believer must understand the context of life.