

Skegness Community Church
Weekly Bible Study 2025
52 passages of Scripture that every believer should know

Week 5
Romans 8 verse 28

“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”

Did you know that those of us who have been born into God's family through our acceptance of Jesus as the Son of God have a **“family secret”**? There is something that we know that those who are not part of God's forever family do not know. Our family secret is found in our verse for this week. There are four factors related to “the family secret” that every believer should know.

The family secret is confidential - “And WE know”

This verse is not intended to be understood by the world. To the lost person, these words are folly and even foolishness. They cannot be understood. Why? Because this is our “family secret”: “We know!” This verse only applies to true believers. “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”

The family secret is constructive “God works for the good”:

This is one of the most comforting thoughts in all of Scripture: things that happen in life have a way of working for our good. They are constructive. As we each look back over our Christian experience, how many events that we may have thought at the time were disastrous actually, in the end, worked out for good? Yes, things work for the good neither by accident nor blind chance. God Himself is behind the scenes in each of our lives. This certainly does not mean that everything that happens is good. However, it does mean that God can take our mistakes and messes and work them together for our own good.

The family secret is comprehensive “in ALL things God works for good”:

When you meditate on those words, you may well ask yourselves, “Can I really believe this?” Had the Apostle Paul said “some things” or “many things” or even “most things” it would be a bit more understandable. But “All things”? All things may include unfair things. All things may include difficult things. Yes in **all things** God works for good. Yes all things are working together for our good at this very moment.

The family secret is conditional “for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose”:

Our family secret is conditional. It is not a blanket, unconditional promise to everyone. It is for those who “love God”. Those who do not love Him are generally resentful about certain things that come their way. Only those who love Him and sense that there is a purpose in their lives can understand the deep truth of Romans 8:28 and say with Job, “Naked I came from my mother's womb and naked I shall depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised”. (Job 1:21). Love is something we do. In the Bible, it is always equated with action. Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey my command” (John 14:15). John framed this by saying, “This is love for God: to obey His commands (1 John 5:3). Thus we come to the bottom-line questions: Do we love God? Do we sense that we are called according to His purpose for our lives? Loving God and abiding in His will - His purpose - is the condition by which the truth of this verse comes home to our hearts.

As you memorise Romans 8:28 this week, meditate on the deep reality that God is awake and aware of everything that comes our way. He has His own wonderful way of turning our bitterness into a blessing. We have that family secret in God's forever family.