

SERIES: GOD IS . . .

God is LOVE

ROMANS 8:31-39

1. God is love as **He stoops low** to dwell in us.

Romans 8:9-11; Hebrews 2:14-16

2. God is love in providing our **inheritance**.

Romans 8:12-19

3. God is love as He helps us in our **weaknesses**.

Romans 8:26-28

It is God's will that no man should **perish**

2 Peter 3:9

It is God's will that we are controlled by the **Spirit of God**

Ephesians 5:17

It is God's will that we are humbled under man's proper **authority**

1 Peter 2:13

It is God's will that we **suffer** for doing what is right for Jesus' sake.

1 Peter 4:1

It is God's will that we flee **sexual lusts**

1 Thessalonians 4:3

4. God's love is as He reminds us of His work **in the past**. Romans 8:28

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And we know [we have **observed in the past**] that all things work together for good **to those who love God** [**Abraham, David Romans 4-5**], to those who are the **called according to His purpose**.

Romans 8:29

For **whom He foreknew** [**proginōskō, knew personally in the past, Romans 11:2, Acts 26:4-5**], He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Paul is saying that we have understanding from observing God's **past dealings** with those He had a covenant relationship with, the ones who responded to Him in love and obedience.

All of these men and women from the past who placed their faith in God were **destined** to experience Jesus as their Savior and therefore be our brethren.

Gentile and Jew alike

Romans 8:30

Moreover whom He **predestined**, these He also **called**; whom He **called** [**Hebrews 11:8**], these He also **justified** [**Romans 4:1-3**]; and whom He **justified**, these He also **glorified**. (**Genesis 12:2-3**)

Romans 8

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from **the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.