



ROMANS 8.28-39

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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ROMANS 8.28-39 CONT'D

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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36 Just as it is written,
"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."
37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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God's awesome rule is intended to
ENCOURAGE YOU
(Romans 8.1)



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God's awesome rule is intended to
INSPIRE YOU
(Romans 8.29-30)



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God's awesome rule is intended to
ASSURE YOU
(Romans 8.28-39... esp)



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So how did this passage get
HIJACKED
To present a view of God predetermines every thought, action, calamity and sin?



Simple answer:

**OUR FOCUS
IS WRONG**

AWESOME





Focus is on God' glory not

GOD'S LOVE

AWESOME

Focus is on God' control not
GOD'S AUTHORITY

AWESOME

Focus is on individuals not
ON COMMUNITY

AWESOME

Focus is on eternal destiny NOT
**KINGDOM
PURPOSE**

AWESOME

Focus is on God's "glory plan" not
GOD'S COVENANT

AWESOME

IS GOD SOVEREIGN
IN SPITE OF
"THESE THINGS"?
OR
IS GOD SOVEREIGN
BY WAY OF
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