

Video 7 Notes

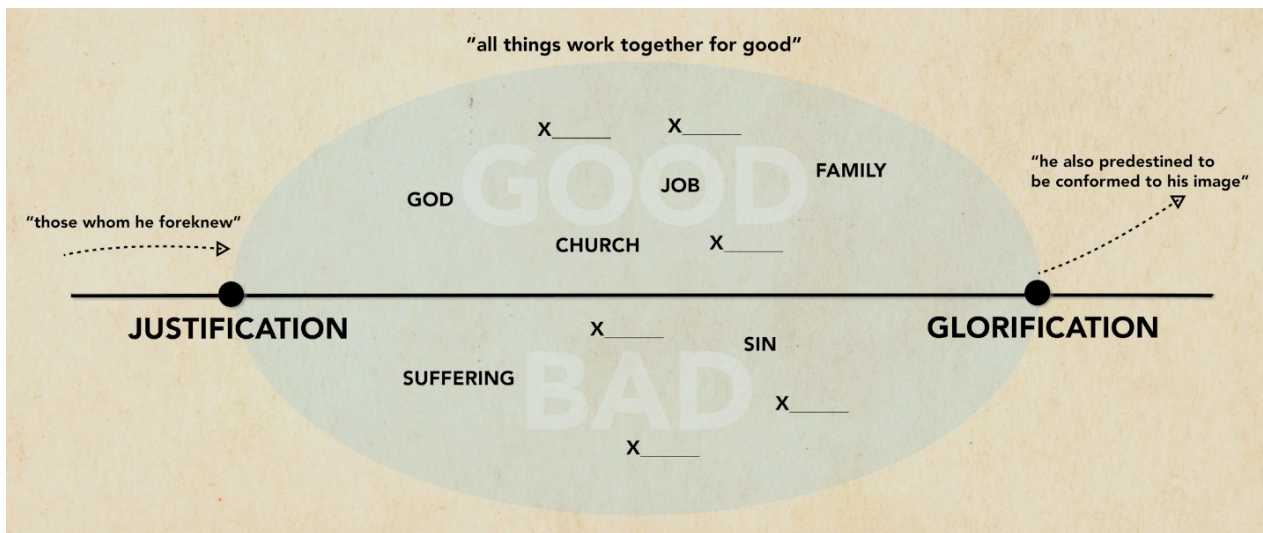
“SUFFERING”

Why we suffer:

1. We suffer as a result of our own _____.(00.30)
2. We suffer because of the _____.(00.38)
3. We suffer because we live in a _____ - _____ world. (00.47)

Romans 8:28-29

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”



Pause the video: (04.11) Take a minute and fill out the “X_____” on the diagram. Write down 3 things you consider “good” in your life and three things you consider “bad” in your life. We always tend to consider sin and suffering as “bad”.

God works ALL THINGS together for good. (04.21)

- So, we have to ask, how do you define good? (04.40)
- The answer is found in verse 29 – we already read it.
- Again, God foreknew and predestined us to be CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF _____.(05.00)

But what if God is using your suffering for a good purpose? (05.40)

2 Cor 4:17-

“For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison”

PREPARING is the key word.

The suffering we experience is PREPARING for us “an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison”.

He is using every circumstance in your life to make you more like Jesus.

(07.40) Homework:

1. Write out a prayer asking God to help you trust him that he truly is working all things for my good to make me more like Christ.
2. Write out how 2 or 4:17 and Heb 12:2 change your perspective on suffering?
 - a. Write out how your thinking might change if God is "preparing" an eternal weight of glory through your suffering.
 - b. How do these verses bring you comfort?
 - c. What questions remain?