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**Romans 8:28**

*The Characteristics of the* [*Promise*](http://archive.nwbcokc.org/index.php?page=264)

INTRO

I. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROMISE

    A. Assurance – "We know".

    B. Agent – "God".

    C. Action – "works all things together for good".

        1) Extent: "all things"
        2) Process: "works together"
        3) End: "for good"
        4) Examples of evil working for good:
            a) Trials work for good.

Gen. 50:20

2 Cor. 12: 1-10

James 1:2-4

Job 1-2

            b) Divine discipline works for good.

Deut. 8:15-16 –
Jer. 24:5-7 –
Jonah
Heb. 12:10-11

Prov. 17:3 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests hearts.
Psa. 66:10 For Thou hast tried us, O God; Thou hast refined us as silver is refined.
Psa. 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, But now I keep Thy word.
Psa. 119:71 It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Thy statutes.

            c) Sin and evil work for good.

    Peter’s failure
    The crucifixion of Christ which was all according to God’s predetermined plan and predestined purpose (Acts 4:28).

II. THE BLESSINGS OF THE PROMISE

    Comfort, peace, joy.
    Thanksgiving to God.
    Faith in the goodness of God

CONCLUSION