

Sermon Series – “Pauline Reflections”

Part 6 – “Predestined to Be a Miracle”

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Scripture Reading: Romans 8:28-30; **Supporting Texts:** Hebrews 13:8; Mal. 3:6

As we _____ through the twists and turns of this Christian journey toward full renewal in Christ, _____ find themselves in disbelief over the problems and challenges that seem to come out of nowhere causing _____ disruptions in their lives. In doubt some accuse God of _____ a _____ on this particular issue or charge Him with leaving them alone to wallow in the _____ of their own _____ without giving them the help they think they need to overcome. But nothing could be _____ removed from the truth. Other blame themselves for not being more _____ and vigilant and much time wondering “What if...?” But for all who truly love God, and have placed Him first in their lives, God knows how to _____ through every situation that life presents us, and He can turn our _____ into a _____ so as to fulfill His *predetermined* will in our lives that of being _____ into the image of His Son and adopting us into His family! Let us again open our hearts to His _____ of hope as we pray.

From “Mess” to Miracle (Romans 8:28-30)

1. How can we be so sure that God is never _____ in what He allows? *Jam. 5:11*
2. How should we _____ sense of the concept of predestination? *2 Tim. 1:8-9; Hos. 4:6*
3. How is conformity to “_____” different from that of the world? *Rom 12:1; 8:29*
4. What will be the outcome of God’s _____ to save humanity? *Rom. 8:21*

The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love **permitted** for the **blessing** of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. The **blow** that is aimed at him falls upon the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. Whatever comes to him comes from Christ. He has no need to resist evil, for Christ is his defense. Nothing can touch him except by our Lord's permission, and "all things" that are permitted "work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28). Of

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Will you give your mistakes and your mess to God and allow Him to make of them a miracle?