

Reaching Forward With Sovereignty

God's power to work the good

Text: [Romans 8:26-39](#)

Introduction

1) God's _____ Of Sovereign Goodness

Verse 26-28

A. The goodness of the Spirit's _____ for us

- Quote: (Robert H. Mounce) "God is the one who has complete access to the heart. His knowledge is direct, not dependent upon one's ability to articulate concerns. God is a searcher of hearts and knows the desires of the Spirit as the Spirit intercedes for us. He knows that the Spirit is interceding for saints in harmony with his will."

B. The goodness of the Spirit's _____ with us

- [Hebrews 12:1](#) "1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"

2) God's _____ Of Sovereign Goodness

Verses 29-34

A. God has _____ to bring about perfect goodness

- Quote — (Tim Warner) "Paul was not referring to some prior knowledge in the mind of God before creation. Nor was He speaking about redetermining their fate. He was referring to those whom God knew personally and intimately, men like Abraham and David...The individual saints of old, with whom God had personal relationship, were predestined by Him to be conformed to the image of Christ. That is, God predetermined to bring their salvation to completion by the sacrifice of Christ on their behalf."

B. God's good work is a _____ work

3) God's _____ Sovereign Goodness

Verses 35-39

A. God's _____ goodness

- Quote — (Robert Mounce) "Persecution drives the true believer to the arms of the one who knows from experience the full range of suffering. Famine and nakedness (perhaps a metaphor for destitution) are powerless to affect the love of Christ. Danger and the sword (possibly that of the executioner) lose their terror in view of the presence of the one in whom we find ultimate safety."
- [1 Corinthians 15:57](#) "57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Quote — (Robert Mounce) "There is absolutely nothing that can ever drive a wedge between the children of God and their Heavenly Father. It is true that life contains its full share of hardships. But God is at work in all the circumstances of life to conform those whom he has chosen into the likeness of his dear Son."