

Romans #121

“Confidence in God”

Because of what we know and believe

Romans 8:28; Acts 25-26

But Paul genuinely loves the Lord Jesus Christ who called him for His purpose and He’s therefore, working all things together for good in Paul’s life and he knows it and that changes everything.

True repentance is turning from the false to the true; away from idols to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Too many Christians don’t understand spiritual warfare, thinking it’s just a personal battle with demons but it’s so much more; it’s learning to think biblically, grow spiritually and make the right choices along the way.

Paul's mission was to do his part to open their eyes with the Gospel so they may turn from darkness to light.

Just as God provided for all the needs in Paul's life, we can be assured that He’s protecting us and working out every aspect of our lives today.

God cares for His own; He provides for, protects and sustains us throughout our lives. *Divine providence is God’s regulation and protective care for all His creation and creatures with special emphasis on His oversight of human history, all people and especially His people.*

Providence is the outworking of God’s decrees, with the object being the final manifestation of His glory.

The world and our lives are not ruled by chance, fate or luck but by God, who reveals the purpose of His providence through the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and the revelation of that work in the doctrine of common grace.

Providence demands that the power of God be effective in the world of the spiritually dead; even though we are dead to God, God is not dead to us.

If not for the Holy Spirit’s ministry of restraining sin, human good and evil, the human race would self-destruct. *The flood in the days of Noah was the providence of God.*

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We know simply means that those involved have already believed in Jesus Christ and have reached spiritual maturity, so therefore; they anticipate blessings in time with confidence through consistent intake of biblical truth.

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Those who love God is a reference to the mature believer's motivation from personal love toward God and/or occupation with the person of Jesus Christ.

We are in the process of learning to love God but until we break the maturity barrier, we do not have the capacity to love God.

Spiritual maturity places the believer into the third hope of eternal blessings and rewards that will not be replaced with reality until the Rapture of the Church and the Judgement Seat of Christ.

But for now, all mature believers in time are looking forward to the third hope and so for them, all things including undeserved suffering and all other blessings are working together for their good and the glory of God.

The prosperity of maturity is a down payment, a guarantee of eternal prosperity.

To love God, one must to know God by understanding His divine attributes.