

## Expecting Good to Come

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**Today's Passages: Heb.11:1, Philippians 1:3-22, Romans 8:28, Acts 16**

As we all face a difficult time, what are you expecting to come your way?

**Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.**

**Hebrews 11:1**

Faith is confidence and assurance in things coming that have not yet come to pass. In other words, Faith is Expecting Good will come.

Let's see a real-life testimony of this:

**I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ... Philippians 1:3-6**

Paul is supremely confident that God's good work will continue in their lives.

Can you make that a prayerful declaration over your life in this season?

"God thank you that you WILL be faithful to \_\_\_\_\_ your good work in my life."

Paul goes on to make a startling and breathtaking declaration:

**Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance.**

**Philippians 1:18-19**

The word deliverance is *soteria* which is from that crucial family of words rooted in *sozo*; meaning saved, healed, delivered.

These are the words that the Gospel writers use over and over to describe a wholistic picture of heaven \_\_\_\_\_ earth, of God's Kingdom redeeming the broken and fallen world in all ways.

In other words, Paul is able to say: "I may be in prison but I am rejoicing and expecting that \_\_\_\_\_ in this situation more of God's Kingdom is going to break in to my life."

**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.**

**Romans 8:28 ESV**

Let's dig in to the Greek because depending on how you read this it can mean different things. In the Greek...the ESV is the literal translation. Other translations choose to change the verse.

**And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.**

**Romans 8:28 NASB**

But in the Greek...

God is NOT the subject and there is NO verb "causes".

The way it is written in Greek, "All things" is the subject and the verb is "work together".

**This is important because:**

This verse is not meant to declare God's \_\_\_\_\_ of all things.

This verse is meant to declare God's \_\_\_\_\_ power over all things.

**Responding to God...**

What is standing out about today's message?

What good news does God have for you in that?

How do you want to respond?

Can you make this a prayerful declaration over your life in this season?

"God thank you that you will be faithful to continue your good work in my life."

**Answers:** continue, transforming, even, causality, redeeming