

Three Handles on 2021
#2 – All Things for Good
Rom.8:28-32

0.0 Introduction

Thoughts on entering the new year – thoughtfully & on solid ground

1.0 People Who Earned the Right to Talk

1.1 The apostle Paul – see II Cor.11:23-28

1.2 Abraham Lincoln

1.3 Job – “I know that my Redeemer/Vindicator lives & in end will take stand on earth” (19:25)

1.4 Joni Eareckson Tada

2.0 All Things for Good

2.1 Begins with the clause, “to those who love God” (v.28c)

2.2 Reinforced by, “to those called according to his purpose” (v.28d)

2.3 Center thought: “all things work together for good” (v.28b) = synergy

2.4 Identify anything and everything that intimidates, frustrates, threatens or upsets you...

3.0 What Does This Entail for Our New Year?

A good handle to go with:

“Nothing is a surprise to God; nothing is a setback to his plans; nothing can thwart his purposes; and nothing is beyond his control. His sovereignty is absolute. Everything that happens is uniquely ordained by God. Sovereignty is a weighty thing to ascribe to the nature and character of God. Yet if he were not sovereign, he would not be God.” (JET)

Next week (Jan.17) – Three Handles on 2021 (Part 3)
He Will Build His Church – Matt.16:18

Romans 8:28-32 (NASB)

²⁸ 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. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers *and sisters*; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?