

“According to His Purpose”

Romans 8:28 & 8:37

- *“And we know”*: As Christians we can have absolute comfort and absolute hope that God will keep His Word. If God has made a promise He will keep it. I don’t have to lose any sleep over whether God will be faithful to His Word (Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 6:18).
- *“For those who love God”*: What does it mean to love God? First you must be saved. If you are not saved you cannot love God.
  - *The unregenerate person (pride and weakness)* suppresses God’s truth (Romans 1:18); they do not honor God or give thanks to Him (Romans 1:21 & 25); they do not seek for God (Romans 3:11); they do not fear God (Romans 3:18); they are enemies of God (Romans 5:10); they are hostile to God, they do not submit to God, they do not please God (Romans 8:7-8).
  - *The person who loves God (humility and strength)* desires to love God with everything in them (Mark 12:30); they love and obey God’s Word (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-4); they desire to glorify God with their lives (1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1); they seek God first (Matthew 6:33); they fear God (Philippians 2:12-13); they are children of God (Romans 8:14-15); they joyfully submit to God (James 4:7) and live to please God (Colossians 1:10).
- *“All things (Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Romans 8:35; Matthew 5:10-12) work together for good”*: God is good and all He does is good (Psalm 119:67-68) and we are invited to come and taste of His goodness and take refuge in Him (Psalm 34:8-9). Everything that God is doing in our lives is for our good and His glory (Hebrews 12:10-11) and that we grow in our sanctification and anticipate our glorification (Romans 8:18); this is “our good”.
- *“For those who are called according to His purpose”*: First and foremost we can be confident that God will always accomplish His purposes (Isaiah 46:9-11; Ephesians 1:11). God’s purpose is that through salvation (John 1:12-13) we will be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29). That we would do good works that glorify His Name for all eternity (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:7) and someday we will be judged on those works (2 Corinthians 5:9-10).

**Worship:** Jesus, Thank You (Sovereign Grace Music)  
Come Adore the Humble King (Matt Boswell & Matt Papa)  
Satisfied in You (Psalm 42) (Sing Team)

**Closing Song:** O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer (Sovereign Grace Music)

**Announcements:**

\***PRAYER:** We gather together for prayer on Sundays at 4:30pm and Thursdays at 6:20pm before the services! We would love to have you join us for that time of prayer, we believe in the importance and the power of prayer!

\***Communion:** We will be taking communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, December 6th!

\***Church Members Meeting:** We will be having a business meeting NEXT Sunday, December 6th, immediately following the service! If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting. We will be reviewing the budget for 2021. We anticipate the meeting to last approximately 30 minutes!

\***Collecting Donations:** We are collecting donations for Vertical 196 for the month of December. Each week we will be collecting different items. For next week, December 6th, we will be collecting \$5 gift cards to the following places: McDonald's, Wendy's, or Subway. These gift cards will be used as Christmas gifts for the guests of Vertical 196.