

Sermon Notes – Our Christian Love Is Brought to Life By God First Loving Us

Deut. 7:7-8 and Romans 8:28-30

7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Deuteronomy 7:7-8

I. God's love has never been _____ on how good people are

- Deut 7:7-8 (and other passages) clearly teach God's love for the Israelites was because

A. what they did

B. the promises God made to them

- Genesis 3:15 – What did sinful Adam and Eve do to earn the promise that a descendant of Eve would crush the serpent's head?

- This is the _____ of the Christian faith. God's love and mercy acts first without human _____ .

28 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

II. God's Purpose to Save unto Eternal Life

- Sometimes people say – “everything will work out for the good” thinking that they are correctly quoting the Bible

- St. Paul wrote : “And we know that for those who _____ God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to _____ purpose.”

- The promise of God to work out good even in times of evil and suffering is to those who believe in Him. Trust Him. _____ Him.

- This promise is not for those who reject God.

- The promise is for those who are called according to _____ purpose, not their own.

- God's purpose for His people is from _____ .

- First promised to _____ and _____ .

- His purpose has not only His love but also His _____ and _____ .

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

- His purpose is to give everlasting _____ in His _____ because of His Son.