



## #5 Destined To Be Like Jesus

**Romans 8:26-31**

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

LOOKING WITHIN—God **PRAYS** for us 8:26-27

LOOKING BEHIND—God **WORKS** for our good 8:28

LOOKING BACK—God destined us to be like **JESUS** 8:29-30

### MORE REASONS FOR HOPE!

**1. GOD PRAYS FOR US** - God reveals that His Spirit helps us by praying for God's Will to be accomplished in our choices and through our circumstances. 8:26-27

*What is the nature of our “weakness?”*

*What does the Spirit pray for?*

*What are these “groanings too deep for words?”*

*Why does God need to pray to God?*

*How does this help us?*

**2. GOD WORKS FOR OUR GOOD** - God assures us that He will work in all circumstances for our ultimate good. 8:28

*Who is the subject here?*

*To whom does this promise apply?*

*What is love for God?*

*What is meant by “all things?”*

*What is meant by “good?”*

**3. GOD DESTINED US TO BE LIKE JESUS** - God guarantees that His Ultimate Purpose for our Lives—to make us like Jesus—will not be thwarted. 8:29-30

*Does the Bible teach predestination?*

*What does predestination mean?*

*What does “foreknew” mean?*

*What's the point?*

**God will finish what He started with His people!**

**Romans 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?