#### Monday, 8 June 2015

#### *Romans* 8:28

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

Does that little phrase "all things" jump out at you like it does me. Was Paul really directed by the Holy Spirit to write all rather than some? If I truly love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, wouldn't I trust Him in all things to supply my good? And wouldn't this be His knowledge of what is truly Good, not my idea of what is good for me?

Or is he not the all-knowing god and in some areas, I'm smarter than he is? Well? Or will I trust Him, the All-knowing God, with **all** my heart, soul, mind and strength?

Tuesday, 9 June 2015

### Romans 4:15-16a

For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression..That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace

Lawless brings about lawlessness. But the Law brings transgression and that demands punishment to satisfy God's just wrath. But the All-loving God provides the Perfect Sacrifice, Jesus the Christ, to bear the punishment and satisfy the just wrath That's Grace!

And how do I get to that Grace? Through faithfulness in God's promises. By trusting in Him in **all** things; by committing **all** aspects of my life to Him and by obeying His Word in **all** ways, By loving Him with **all** my heart, with **all** my soul, with **all** my mind and with **all** my strength.

Wednesday, 10 June 2015 Romans 4:19-22

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which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness."

How often do I let my assessment of a situation override my trust in the promises of God? Well, Paul obviously did not consider the impossibility and the impracticality of (whatever). Yes, I know Ephesians 3:20 says "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us" but that can't apply to this situation.

Or does it?????

Abraham thought so and long before IVF.

Maybe I'm not smarter than God. Maybe He does supply the power that is at work within me--if I trust Him.

What do you think?

Thursday, 11 June 2015 Romans 4:19-22

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Looks to me that the strength of my faith grows in proportion to my giving glory to God. And that results in total reliance upon the promises of God.

Therefore if I want my faith to grow, and I do, I need to become more faithful in giving the glory to God in **all** things.

Friday, 12 June 2015 Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Talk about a cornucopia of blessings. Faith (belief/trust/commitment/obedience) brings the Peace of God that passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7), access to the Grace which provides an unshakable foundation upon which to stand and the joy of the firm expectation (Hope) of participating in the Glory of God.

Join me in rejoicing without ceasing that we enter into the righteousness, peace and joy of life in the Kingdom of God-now.

## Saturday, 13 June 2015 Romans 6:8

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Jesus preached, and commanded His disciples, including us, to preach, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand (available to you now)" (Matthew 4:17)

Faith (belief/trust/commitment/obedience) in Christ brings us immediately into the Kingdom and begins that transformation (Romans 12:2) into the image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18)

Lord's Day, 14 June 2015

Psalm 119:118

You spurn all who go astray from your statutes, for their cunning is in vain.

Lord, I see so many men and women who are determined to live according to their own follies and paying the penalties, refusing to turn to You. Help me to tell the story of Your grace and mercy that offers release from the burdens of sin

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