

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.- **Romans 8:28-39**

Two promises that will help you make it through anything:

1) I can do everything through him who gives me strength. – **Philippians 4:13**

- The word "strength" literally means to increase in power, to make strong.

QUESTION: What is the secret to this type of confidence?

ANSWER: I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. – **Philippians 4:12**

2) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. – **I Corinthians 10:13**

- God will provide a way.

Maturity has nothing to do with how old you are or how long you have been a Christian. Maturity has everything to do with your attitude.

Four principals we must understand in order to remain spiritually secure:

1. God is for us.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. – **Jeremiah 29:11**

2. God has justified us.

- This means He has declared us righteous in Christ.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. – **Revelation 12:10**

- We are no longer under condemnation.

3. Jesus Christ intercedes for us.

- Jesus represents us before the throne of God.
- Jesus is our counselor.

4. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

- God may not necessarily shelter us from difficulties; however, He will never stop loving us.