"3 Comforting Certainties"

Romans 8:26-30

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INTRODUCTION:

***In a "world of uncertainties," we can take comfort in the certainties of God!**

3 certainties every believer can trust:

I. The <u>HOLY SPIRIT</u> is <u>PRAYING</u> for you (v. 26-27)

A. The Spirit prays <u>when we need Him most</u> (v. 26a)

B. The Spirit prays <u>with compassionate feelings</u> (v. 26b)

C. The Spirit prays <u>with the mind (will) of God</u> (v. 27)

II. The <u>HEAVENLY FATHER</u> has a <u>PLAN</u> for you (v. 28-34)

A. His plan works everything out <u>for good</u> (v. 28)

1. Our <u>confidence</u> in God's plan ("We know")
2. The <u>completeness</u> of God's plan ("all things")
3. The <u>harmony</u> of God's plan ("work together")
4. The <u>faithfulness</u> of God's plan ("for good")
5. The <u>restriction</u> of God's plan ("to them...")

B. His plan leads us to <u>Christ-likeness</u> (v. 29)

C. His plan guarantees us <u>future glory</u> (v. 30 - 34)

III. The SON OF GOD LOVES you (v. 35-39)

...and nothing can separate us from His love:

A. Trials cannot (v.35)
"tribulation...distress...persecution"

B. Tragedy cannot (v.35b)
"famine...nakedness"

C. Opposition cannot (v.35b-37)
"peril...sword"

D. Death cannot (v.38a)
"death nor life"

E. Spirit beings cannot (v.38b)
"Angels...principalities...powers"

F. Time cannot (v.38c)
"things present...things to come"

G. Distance cannot (v.39a)
"height nor depth"

H. The whole universe cannot (v.39b)
"...any other creature (in creation)"

CONCLUSION: