

ECC Growth Groups – Term 4, 2014
Behold our God – Study 7: God is Triumphant (Romans 8)

1. What makes us doubt God's goodness to us or his control over our lives?

Spend some time praying together before you look at God's Word.

Read Romans 8:28-39.

2. Romans 8:28 has rightly become a well-known and well-loved verse for many Christians. It speaks of God's purpose and assures us that he is working for our good in all things. How does verse 29 help us to understand what God's good purpose is for our lives?

3. Some people describe verse 30 as an "unbroken golden chain". Why might they describe it in this way?

4. Have a look back over verses 28-30. How do these verses help us to see that God is triumphant?

In the rest of the passage (vv 31-39) Paul launches into a series of questions and answers. Split your group into smaller groups of between two and four people (depending on the size of your group) and get them to fill in the table below.

| Verse | Question | What might cause us to ask this question? | Answer (Implied or provided in the surrounding verses) |
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| 31b | | | |
| 33 | | | |
| 34 | | | |
| 35 | | | |

Bring the groups back together.

5. How do these verses help us to see that God is triumphant?

6. If you were to put a musical soundtrack to this passage, what would it be?

7. *“God is good but he is not in control”*. *“God is in control but he is not good”*. Discuss these statements in light of what we have seen in this passage.

8. How will this truth – that God is triumphant – help you day-to-day?

Close + Prayer

See Appendix 2 – ‘Theology to Doxology’ – and then close the study with a time of prayer.

Appendix 1 – Activity

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Appendix 2 – Theology to Doxology

For our *'Theology to Doxology'* in this study the song, *'In Christ Alone'*, has been selected. If you would like to listen to a version online, you can use the URL below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8we1VgKX8Qo>

If you would like to sing together or simply read out the lyrics, they are included below:

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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