

Pastor Jeff's Bold Predictions for 2012

Romans 8:28-39

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In 2012 we can be confident that...

1. **Everything will work out for good.** (Romans 8:28-29)

“Paul likely has in mind our **good** during this present life as well as ultimately in the life to come. No matter what happens in our lives as His children, the providence of God uses it for our temporal as well as our eternal benefit, sometimes by saving us from tragedies and sometimes by sending us through them in order to draw us closer to Him.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*,
The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, 1991, pp. 473-474.

“Although the truth is often difficult to recognize and accept, the Lord causes even *evil* things to work for our **good**. It is these less obvious and less pleasant channels of God’s blessing that Paul here seems to be emphasizing—those things among the “all things” that are in themselves anything but good. Many of the things that we do and that happen to us are either outright evil or, at best, are worthless. Yet in His infinite wisdom and omnipotence, our heavenly Father will turn even the worst of such things to our ultimate **good**.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*,
The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, 1991, p. 476.

“From before time began, God chose to save believers from their sins in order that they might **become conformed to the image of His Son**, Jesus Christ. Consequently, every true believer moves inexorably toward perfection in righteousness, as God makes for Himself a people recreated into the likes of **His** own divine **Son**, who will dwell and reign with Him in heaven throughout all eternity.

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*,
The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, 1991, p. 490.

2. **Nothing will change our position before God.
(Romans 8:30-34)**

“Any charge brought against us will not stand up in court. Because our debt for sin has been paid in full, we are unimpeachable. We are and forever will be considered just before the Judge of heaven.”

Charles R. Swindoll, *Swindoll's New Testament Insights*,
Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 2010, p. 178.

3. **Nothing will separate us from the love of God.
(Romans 8:35-39)**

“In this context, the **love of Christ** represents salvation. Paul is therefore asking rhetorically if any circumstance is powerful enough to cause a true believer to turn against **Christ** in a way that would cause **Christ** to turn His back on the believer. At issue, then, are the power and permanence of the love of Christ for those He has bought with His own blood and brought into the family and the kingdom of His Father.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*,
The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, 1991, p. 510.

“There is nothing anywhere at any time that **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord**. Our salvation was secured by God’s decree from eternity past and will be held secure by Christ’s love through all future time and throughout all eternity.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary*,
The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, 1991, p. 517.