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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~ Our country will remain "the land of the free" only so long as it is "the home of the brave."

~Public Service Magazine, 1945

~We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. ~Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1940

~A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

~Henry Brooks Adams, "Failure" (1871),

The Education of Henry Adams: An Autobiography, 1907

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God's Plan & Me by John T. Polk II

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

(Romans 8:26-32)

INTRODUCTION:

1. Verse 28 doesn't say "everything IS good!"
2. Verse 28 doesn't say "everything MAKES US good!"
3. People can change their path Deuteronomy 30:15-18
4. But God does NOT change His!

DISCUSSION:

1. LIFTS Romans 8:26-27

- a. "helps" = Greek: *sun anti lambanomai* (presses against for support) Luke 10:40
- b. "we do not know what we should pray for"
- c. "as we ought" = 1 John 5:14
- d. "the mind of the Spirit" knows how we should pray
- e. When we are weakened and needy, The Holy Spirit helps.

2. LIKENS Romans 8:28-30

- a. "All things:" Not speaking of our lives, but God's Will!
- b. Christians develop "hope" (by pressing forward like toothpaste, Romans 5:3-4)
- c. God's Plan is past tense (verbs end in "-ed") = the form through which all must willfully enter who are to be included in His Plan
- d. Human decision is present tense "are the called" verse 28
- e. Romans 1:6; 6:3-5 – The "called" are baptized into Christ Jesus

3. LOVES Romans 8:31-32

- a. He went first ("delivered" verse 32)! 1 John 5:19
- b. He went completely Hebrews 7:27
- c. We should choose God's "side" Romans 12:1

CONCLUSION:

1. God has set before us His good way for our obedience!
2. "Some ships sail east, and some sail west, By the selfsame winds that blow. It's the set of the sails and not the gales That determines the way they go!"
-Anonymous
3. What is your decision?
4. Mark 16:15-16

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1. What percentage of the Bible have you read?
2. What percentage of your prayers are giving thanks to God?
3. What percentage of people you meet do you invite to church?
4. What percentage of the church family do you know by name?
5. What percentage of your prayers are praising how great God is?
6. What percentage of worship services have you attended since being baptized?
7. What percentage of Wednesday night assemblies do you attend each year?
8. What percentage of the neighbors on your street know you are a Christian?
9. What percentage of the church family have you texted with encouraging notes?
10. What percentage of your prayers include intercession for others?
11. What percentage of songs in worship do you sing out heartily?
12. What percentage of your day is spent in spiritual, Christian-focused matters?
13. What percentage of Sundays do you arrive early and/or stay late to visit?
14. What percentage of worship attendees do you speak to?
15. What percentage of your income (before taxes) do you give to the Lord?

Blessed By God: "Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine." (**Proverbs 3:7-10** NKJV)

Many plants reproduce simply by cloning. The most obvious example of cloning that comes to mind is the dandelion. Unless you get all of the main dandelion root out of the ground, each piece of the root can sprout another dandelion, identical to the parent. The walking fern reproduces by cloning too. It moves across the countryside, albeit slowly, by producing new plants. A new plant is generated wherever the tips of its leaves touch the ground. Each new plant is identical to the parent.

The bamboo reproduces through underground stems. The different species of bamboo live anywhere from 20 to 120 years. During their life spans, they produce only by cloning. Then they flower – once. When it's time for a particular species to flower, every member of that species, no matter where in the world it grows, flowers gloriously. Each flower can have as many as 100 pollen-producing stamens. Once the seeds are ripe and scattered, every member of that species in the world dies. At this point, the entire species exists only in the scattered seeds.

This is brilliant testimony to a recent creation of all bamboos at the same time. If evolution produced them and the forces of change worked on them for millions of years, one would think that all members of the same species would no longer be in perfect synchronization. Bamboo makes a strong testimony for the recent creation reported in Genesis!

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