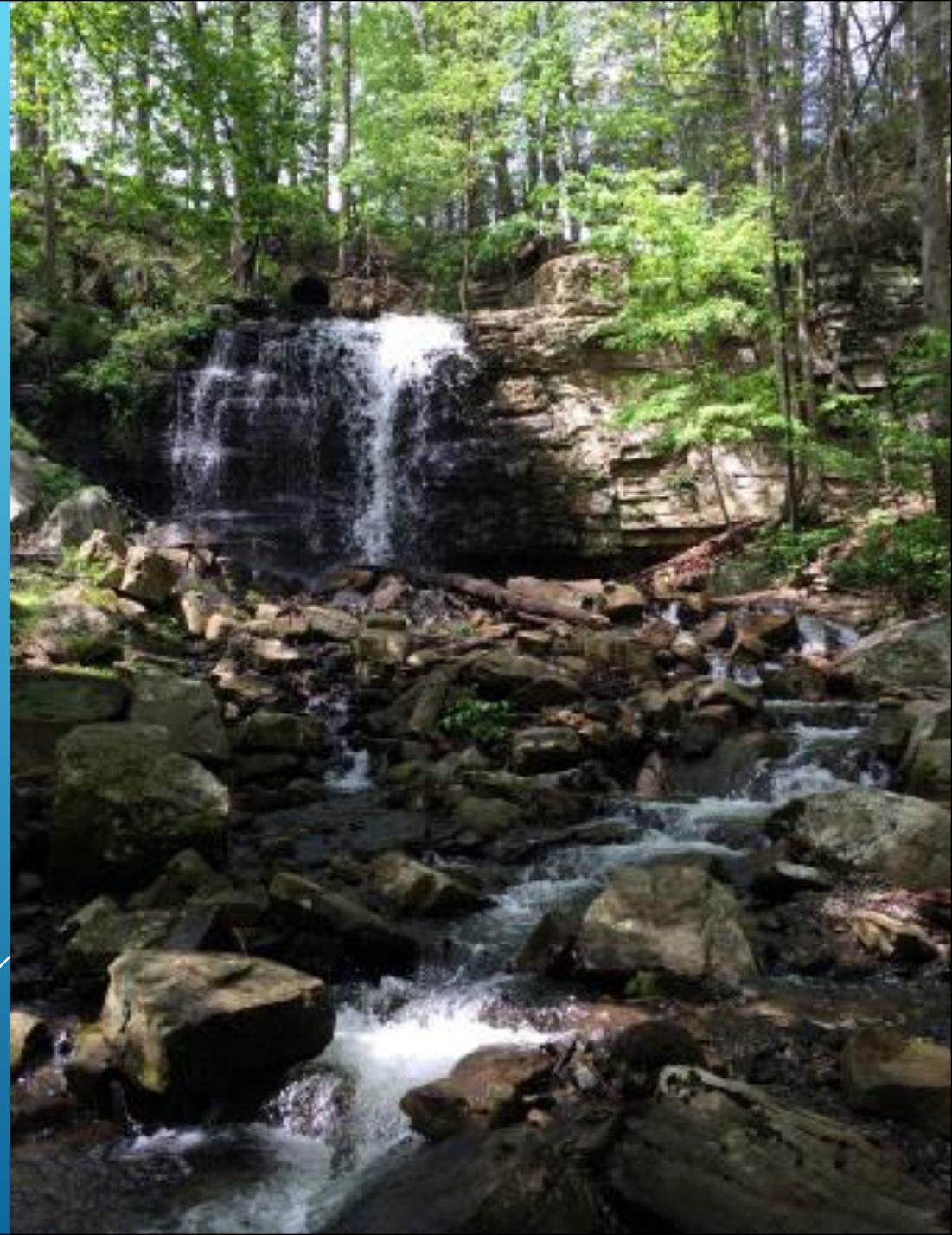


UNDERSTANDING THE INVISIBLE HAND OF GOD

Romans 8:28

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The Invisible Hand of God is revealed in the Doctrine of the Providence of God. The Doctrine of the Providence of God is a sub-title under the Doctrine of the Sovereignty of God

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Providence-means to “see before”
- ▶ God with His almighty Power-governs heaven, earth, and all creatures

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REVEALS THE PROVIDENCE OF
GOD

- ▶ The Doctrine of God's Providence puts on display a number of God's Attributes: Jer. 9:23-24 mention (3)
- ▶ Sovereignty--He is in control
- ▶ Omnipotence--He is infinitely powerful.
- ▶ Predestination—He is in charge of how everything turns out.

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- ▶ Omnipresence—He is present everywhere and involved in everything.
- ▶ Omniscience—He knows everything. He is all-Wise. He makes no mistakes

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▶ God is Love—He is good. He has the best interests of His children at heart; consequently, We see The Person and Work of Jesus Christ and Heaven revealed in the Scripture

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- ▶ What happens
- ▶ When it happens
- ▶ How it happens
- ▶ Why it happens
- ▶ And even what happens after it happens

GOD'S PROVIDENCE DETERMINES

▶ The glorious message of Romans is that God assures deliverance (freedom) from the struggling and suffering—through Christ. This is the whole point of all that has been written before verse 28 in Romans chapter 8

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- ▶ We have **Assurance**: God works things out for those who love Him vs. 28
- ▶ This is the **Assurance** of deliverance

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- ▶ The word “**All Things**” go well beyond the great events of the world.
- ▶ The words “**Work together**” (sunergei) means to create and eliminate, place and replace, connect and group, shape and forge, press and stretch, move and operate, control and guide, arrange and influence

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▶ The word “**Good**” (agathon) means for the ultimate good. We cannot see the future; we cannot take a single event and connect all the lines and ramifications that run from it.

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- ▶ There is a limitation on this glorious promise
 - ▶ The clause **“to those who love God”** is placed first in the sentence.
 - ▶ **If a man or woman does not love God. God can't take care of him or her.**
 - ▶ **God will not force His Will on us!!**

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- ▶ **Called according to His Purpose**
- ▶ The believer's deliverance is purposed by God. God calls Him or Her for the glorious purpose of being saved from the struggle and sufferings of this life.
- ▶ The believer's position and behavior are both involved in **the call of God.**

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