

His perfect will ...

I. Foundational Truths

- A. God is Sovereign
- B. He Loves His Children

II. Complete Statements

- A. Categorical
- B. Comprehensive
- C. Personal

III. Sweetest Comfort

- A. In the Process
- B. In the End

... for my ultimate good.

Children, Listen ...

1. Who is the wonderful truth of this verse for?
2. What does “sovereign” mean?
3. How many “things” work together for the good of God’s people?
4. Does this mean that life will always go the way we want it to?
5. How will this verse help you to understand life better?

Overwhelmingly Profound and Wonderfully Personal

The implications suggested by this one simple verse are almost overwhelming in bigness and beauty. The wonderful personal significance of it should deeply comfort the heart of every believer whatever their lot in life might be. There are two essential truths that must be known in order for us to even begin to grasp such a magnificent aspect of the true Christian life: in two words – SOVEREIGNTY and ADOPTION. First we must know that God is absolutely sovereign. Nothing comes to pass except by His good and perfect will. Even the bad stuff is subservient to what God does in His wise and holy providence. Coupled with the fact that He calls us to be His own children through Christ it is combination that should instill an abiding assurance for every believer. The God Who is all wise and all powerful cares intimately for His blood-bought sons and daughters – what more could anyone ever ask for – what greater comfort could there ever be? Child of God keep this verse in mind at all times and in every twist and turn of your life and you will surely know something of that peace that passes understanding that the Lord alone can provide. We may not be able to put the pieces of the puzzle of our lives together while we are in the process of being “conformed to the image of His Son,” but as some of the old Gospel songs like to say, “We will understand in the sweet by and by.” Only true Christians can receive the words: *God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life* with full confidence. The fact that God has custom fit all things in your life for your ultimate good may be hard to grasp and even harder to believe at times, but He is God, and in Christ you are His child, and this is part of His unbreakable promise to you. Do you have this hope and trust? May God grant you such blessed assurance today and the days to come no matter what comes to pass.