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① Did not say, all things are good, but that they work together for good. Ultimately... it's a yabov. The final goal, consummation. The verdict, deconvolution of the age.  
2. John 13:7 "what I do now... but you shall know hereafter."

② Did not say, "all things... for the riches, prosperity..."  
Better that we remain poor.

③ " " " " " health, ...  
David said: Ps. 119:67, 71  
(a) Thank God, a leper. "Pride is less than the  
but well with me, too."

④ " " " " " popularity, worldly acclaim  
apostles, evangelists, demagogues, etc., ...  
one did a national duty.

⑤ No does he say that all things work together for good for everybody.  
Rather - "for those who love the Lord"  
" " " " " are called... purpose."

Outside of God, nothing works together for good.  
2. Judges 5:20 "the stone is their covering against Sisera" <sup>Sung to Deborah</sup>  
Barad.

- Leaving God out -
- the house falls down.
  - (2) Sandstone of Amorites.
  - the legion perishes
  - why Ben-Hur will finally fail..
  - the life is destroyed.

of. not like Emerson's "Compensation." Without God,  
things do not balance themselves.

To: Those who love God, who are in His purpose. -- for good.

1. What happens is not blind chance, fortuitous circumstances, & accident. There are no accidents with God. Things do not "just happen": They come to pass. The steps of the redemptive are ordered by the Lord. Every trial, sorrow, cross, burden, affliction has a place in your life. (2) Dr. Stuart's prison, success as suffering.

Much in Paul's life was unpleasant, painful, sorrowful.  
- captivity (near death, it is 11%)  
- stones. Beat. Disregard. His own countrymen, saved by brother's love  
- years in prison. Lack of gratitude of his ministry.

Much mysterious, would not explain. But I understand...  
God's world - God's election purposes, to create, redeem, preserve.  
Sovereignty of God not a dim hope but a bright assurance. His Providence always take care. "Providence": to see before, to look out for, in advance. y. Water carried wagons. Riders say before, pick out camp sites, food for horses, cattle.

2. What happens is always for our good.

(1) Sometimes chastisement

Heb. 12: 5-13

Ps. 89: 30-34

made you best, did not let  
oil in haste, repent not because.

(2) Sometimes development.

James 1: 2

2 Pet 1: 7

gold must be refined to bring out its purity  
a diamond - ground to  
a wine must be pressed to bear fruit  
clay must be molded to become a worthy vessel.

muscle, mind, soul, are developed by hard trials.  
chastity leads to more than comfort with God.

(3) But always, our ultimate good

(2) To be by with the defense foot.

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