An Incredible Statement

Romans 8:2 contains one of the best known, most quoted and at the same time one of the most mind-blowing statements in the whole of the Bible: “we know that all things work together for good.”

- What does Paul have in mind when he says, “all things?”

- What is the nature of the good that all things work together to bring about?

- Some people think Paul’s statement means that things will somehow work themselves out and everything will be OK. How would you respond to that?

- It's God who causes all things to work together for good. Some people think that means He reacts after the event to make something good out of whatever messes we have made. How would you explain that that is not the case?

- Everything that happens has been deliberately planned by God to work together with everything else that happens to bring about the good that He has determined beforehand to bring about. What objections might that statement raise?

- How would you answer those objections?

- There are many other ways Paul could describe those who are born again — other terms he uses more commonly. Why do you think He chose to say that this statement applies to "those who love God?"