

Although math was never one of my best subjects, nevertheless, I do find things like this picture interesting. I thought about it for a couple of minutes and found two answers and then looked in the comments section of Facebook and learned that there were at least three answers. The answers were not given, but I did learn that a youngster (about 7 or 8) was the one who found all three and in a few seconds, no less. Well, so much for my daily dose of humility.

In life, there are far more important things than this simple problem, and sometimes no matter what we do, we simply can not find a solution.

However, Christians have an advantage in life because God is with them, helping them do live according to HIS WILL. The Apostle Paul said...

Romans 8 (World English Bible)

- We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are 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 brothers. *
- Whom he predestined, those he also called. Whom he called, those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also glorified.
- What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- **32** He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how would he not also with him freely give us all things?
- Who could bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who justifies.
- Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.
- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Could oppression, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- **36** Even as it is written, "For your sake we are killed all day long. We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When God provides an answer to a problem, it is in accordance with HIS WILL for our lives. It may not be what we would want, but ultimately it is for our own good.

By the way, my answers to the matchstick problem are...

If you have another answer, let me know. If you are stumped, ask one of your grand-kids, I will!

Thanks!

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