

Romans 8:26-29

26. "Likewise **the Spirit also HELPS in our WEAKNESSES**. For **we do not know** what we should **PRAY for as we ought**, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with GROANINGS which cannot be uttered."

- **Ephesians 6:18** "_____ always with all _____ and supplication in the _____, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."
- **Matthew 26:41** "_____ and _____, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit (OUR spirit) indeed is willing, but the flesh is _____."
- **John 15:26** "But when the _____ comes, whom I (Jesus) shall send to you from the _____, the _____ of truth who proceeds from the Father, _____ will testify of Me."

Definition: "The SPIRIT HELPS in our WEAKNESSES" - "Weakness" in this context means our INABILITY to KNOW EXACTLY HOW WE SHOULD PRAY. The **Holy Spirit helps us** in our praying **when we really get SERIOUS about prayer**. This is not talking about the selfish or foolish requests we sometimes ask of God (see James 4:2-3), but when we are **sincere and earnest**, we don't have to worry about "not praying correctly" or "following a certain prayer formula" - The Holy Spirit HIMSELF will make any CORRECTIONS NECESSARY, and PRESENT OUR PRAYERS before the Father (make intercession for us).

Definition: "GROANINGS which cannot be UTTERED" - "Utter" means to express in words. When the Holy Spirit PRAYS FOR US, He does it WITHOUT WORDS that we can hear. There are times when we pray, when we cannot find the words, but **our heart is crying out to God** for a particular situation, or on behalf of someone else. The Holy Spirit is praying for us and with us at such times.

- **John 11:33, 35 & 38** "Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He _____ in the _____ and was _____. (Verse 35) "Jesus _____." (Verse 38) "Then Jesus again _____ in _____, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it."

27. "Now **He who SEARCHES the HEARTS** know what the mind of the Spirit is, because He **makes INTERCESSION** for the saints **according to the WILL of GOD**."

- **I Chronicles 28:9** "As for you, my son Solomon, know the _____ of your father, and serve Him with a _____ heart and with a _____ mind; for the Lord _____ all _____ and understands all the _____ of the _____. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him (if you reject Christ), He will cast you off forever."
- **Psalms 7:9** "Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just (righteous ones); For the _____ God _____ the _____ and _____."
- **Psalms 26:2** "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try (test) my _____ and my _____."
- **Psalms 139:1** "O Lord, You have _____ me and _____ me."
- **Psalms 139:23-24** "_____ me, O God, and know my _____; try (test) me and know my anxieties; and see if there is any _____ way in me, and lead me in the way _____."
- **Jeremiah 17:9-10** "The _____ is deceitful above all things, and desperately _____; who can _____ it? I, the Lord, _____ the _____, I test the _____, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

- **I Corinthians 2:10-11** "But God has revealed them to us through His _____. For the Spirit _____ all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of man except the _____ of the man which is _____ him? Even so no one _____ the things of God except the _____ of God."

Definition: "He makes INTERCESSION according to the WILL of GOD" - Intercession is **PRAYER for someone else**. The **Holy Spirit KNOWS what God's will is** in ANY SITUATION, even when we don't, and He will PRAY along with us.

- **I John 5:14-15** "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we _____ anything _____ to His _____, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, _____ we _____, we know that we have the petitions (requests) that we have asked of Him."
- **Read Hebrews 7:22-28** (Verses 25-26) "Therefore He (Jesus) is also able to save to the uttermost (completely) those who _____ to _____ through _____, since He ever (always) live to make _____ for them. For such a High _____ was fitting for us, who is _____, harmless (sinless), undefiled, separate from _____, and has become higher than the heavens."
- **I John 2:1** "My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not _____. And if any _____, we have an Advocate with the Father, _____ the righteous."

Definition: "JESUS makes INTERCESSION" - JESUS is our HIGH PRIEST, which means we COME TO GOD THROUGH HIM, but we do NOT need a human priest of any kind. **Jesus is our ADVOCATE**, which means DEFENSE LAWYER. **JESUS defends us** against the **ACCUSATIONS of Satan**. **Jesus' work as INTERCESSOR** is different than the Holy Spirit's work in prayer. The Holy Spirit "comes along side to help," but Jesus is DEFENDING and PROTECTING us by His intercessory PRAYER for us, and as our MEDIATOR, He has opened the way for us to come directly into God's presence.

- **Isaiah 59:16** "He saw there was no man, and wondered that there was no _____; therefore His own arm (strength) brought _____ for Him, and His own _____, it sustained Him."
- **Luke 22:31-32** "And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, _____ has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have _____ for you, that your _____ should not _____; and when you have _____ to Me, strengthen your brethren.' "
- **Romans 8:34** "Who is he who _____ [us]? It is _____ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes _____ for us."
- **I Timothy 2:5** "For there is one God, and one _____ between God and men, the Man _____."

28. "And we know that **ALL things WORK together for GOOD** to those who **LOVE GOD**, to those who are the **CALLED according to His PURPOSE**."

- **Genesis 50:20** "But as for you, you meant _____ against me, but God meant it for _____, in order to _____ it _____ as it is this day, to save many people alive."
- **Ephesians 1:11** "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the _____ of Him who _____ ALL _____ according to the counsel of His _____."
- **Ephesians 1:9** "Having made known to us the mystery of His _____, according to His _____ pleasure which He has _____ in Himself;"

Definition: "ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER for GOOD" - Because God is all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving, and all-wise, we can TRUST HIM to know what He is

doing when He ALLOW certain things to happen in our lives. But what about when the "bad" things that happen in our lives are the CONSEQUENCES of our own actions - our WRONG CHOICES and sins? The Lord loves us enough to even WORK THESE THINGS for our GOOD, if we will let Him.

- **Ephesians 3:20-21** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly _____ above _____ that we _____ or _____ , according to the power that _____ in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. AMEN."
- **Psalms 37:23-24** "The _____ of a good man are _____ by the Lord, and He _____ in his way. Though he _____ . he shall _____ be utterly (completely, finally) cast down; for the Lord _____ him with His hand."

29. "For whom **He FOREKNEW**, He also predestined to be **conformed to the IMAGE of His Son**, that He might be the **FIRSTBORN among many brethren.**"

- **I Peter 1:2** "Elect (chosen) according to the _____ of God the Father in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."
- **Jeremiah 1:5** "_____ I formed you in the womb, I _____ you, and _____ you came forth out of the _____ , I sanctified you and I ordained you to be a prophet unto the nations."
- **Romans 9:11 & 23-24** "For the children not yet being _____ , nor having done any _____ or _____ , that the _____ of God calls (chooses)" (Verses 23-24) "And that He might make known the riches of His glory, even _____ whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles."
- **Acts 2:23** "Him (Jesus), being delivered by the determined _____ and _____ of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death."

Definition: "GODLINESS" - Having the character attributes of God and Christ; being and acting like Jesus in all situations. We can NEVER attain godliness in our own power and strength, but God has provided us the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit. When we ALLOW the **Holy Spirit to produce His fruit** in our lives, **He is producing the character of Jesus in us.**

- **Galatians 5:22-23** "But the fruit of the Spirit is _____ , joy, _____ , longsuffering (PATIENCE), _____ , _____ , faithfulness, _____ , _____ . Against such there is no law."