

**“The Holy Spirit Intercedes”**

**Romans 8:26-27**

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**Chapter 8 of Romans gives us a strong trinitarian picture of God’s encouraging work in the life of His people:**

Encouragement in the person of the Father, by showing us the blessing of \_\_\_\_\_ as sons and daughters.

Encouragement in the person of the Son, by reminding us that He is the first fruit of the resurrection, and will surely \_\_\_\_\_ for us.

Encouragement in the person of the Spirit. Not only do we walk in Him and live by Him, He also makes \_\_\_\_\_ for us in prayer.

**The Holy Spirit is described as our \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>26</sup> *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness.*

A helper who had been promised to us (John 14:15-18)

Consider some of the things that God the Spirit does to bless Christians:

- He washes us in the process of regeneration
- He baptizes us in a spiritual sense, even before our water baptism
- He is the seal of our salvation, the guarantee that we belong to God.
- He gives us enlightened eyes that can understand God’s Word.
- He points us continually to the powerful work of Jesus in our lives.
- He works with our conscience to warn us and grieve us of sin.
- He is the agent of sanctification, growing and maturing us in faith.
- He grants us with spiritual gifts that we can use to be bless others.

**Man is described here as a \_\_\_\_\_ vessel, one in great need of help.**

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**But the weakness mentioned here in verse 26-27 specifically addresses a limitation in our ability to \_\_\_\_\_. (Paul is drawing attention to the **CONTENT** of our prayers, not their **FORM**)**

We do not always know what to pray for. The solution is not to necessarily to figure out *what* to pray, but to rely on the Holy Spirit to fill in that gap on our behalf.

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**The Holy Spirit accomplishes a special work of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*...but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

**We are blessed with double-divine intercession:**

\_\_\_\_\_ intercedes at the right hand of the Father.

The \_\_\_\_\_ intercedes in the heart, even when we lack the wisdom to articulate our needs on our own!

How should we understand the ‘groanings’ of verse 26?

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**Intercession of the Holy Spirit is ‘According to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’.**

<sup>27</sup> *And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

Who is ‘He who searches hearts’? (see Jeremiah 17:10)

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Practical application: If the Spirit is interceding for us, what is the point of even praying?

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*“Prayer is the arena in which God conforms us to His will and desire, not where we mold God’s will into our own desires. We do not pray to change God’s mind but pry so He will change ours.” - J.V. Fesko*