



The Book of ROMANS

Chapter 8:26-27

“THE HOLY SPIRIT & YOU!”

> WE HAVE FOUR LESSONS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOU:

- Lesson #1 - GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT: HIS PERSONALITY!

> The Holy Spirit is a Person - Personal Pronouns, such as He, Him, etc. are used in the Greek New Testament.

> Names of the Holy Spirit - He is called *Helper, Comforter, and Counselor: Parakletos*. The word for “Spirit” in the Greek is *pneuma*, which means *breath* or *wind*.

> Other names includes: Spirit of *Grace* - (Hebrews 10:29) Spirit of *Fire*, or *Burning*- (Matt 3:11,12; Isaiah 4:4) Spirit of *Truth* - (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 5:6) Spirit of *Life* - (Romans 8:2) Spirit of *Wisdom* and *Understanding* - (Isaiah 11:2) Spirit of *Counsel and Might* - (Isaiah 11:2) Spirit of *Knowledge and Fear of the Lord* - (Isaiah 11:2) Spirit of *Promise* - (Luke 24:49) Spirit of *Glory* - (1 Peter 4:14) Spirit of *God* - (1 Corinthians 3:16) Spirit of *Christ* - (Romans 8:9)

> The Personality of the Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit relates like a *person*: He speaks whatsoever He *hears* (John 16:13); He came into the world to *glorify* Jesus Christ (John 16:14); He *reproves* the world of *sin* (John 16:8); He *teaches* (John 14:26; 16:13-15); He *speaks* (Galatians 4:6); He *intercedes* (Romans 8:26); He *leads* (Galatians 5:18; Acts 8:29; 10:19; 13:2; 16:6,7); He *appoints to service* (Acts 13:2; 20:28); He *regenerates* (John 3:6); He *seals* (Ephesians 4:30); He *baptizes* (1 Corinthians 12:13); He *fills* (Ephesians 5:18); He can be *quenched* (1 Thess. 5:19) He can be *grieved* (Ephesians 4:30); He can be *blasphemed* (Matthew 12:31); He can be *lied to*. (Acts 5:3)

- Lesson #2 – THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS IN OUR WEAKNESSES!

> (v26a) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

> Jesus and our weaknesses - Hebrews 4:15- *For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

> What weaknesses? (1) Weakness spiritually (in faith) – Mark 9:17-27
(2) Weakness physically - 2 Corinthians 12:3-9
(3) Weakness in warfare – Jesus intercedes for us!

- Luke 22:31-34- *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."*

We are told in Hebrews 7:25- *Therefore He (Jesus) is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

> Thus, the Holy Spirit makes intercession - The word used here *huperentungchanei*, it occurs nowhere else in the New Testament. The word *entungchano*, however, is used several times. *It means properly to be present with anyone for the purpose of aiding, as an advocate does in a court of justice; hence, to intercede for anyone, or to aid or assist in any manner. In this place it simply means that the Holy Spirit greatly assists or aids us; not by praying for us, but in our prayers and infirmities.*

- Lesson #3 – THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS IN OUR PRAYERS!

> (v26b) *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.*

- “For we know not” - Barnes writes, “This is a specification of the aid which the Holy Spirit, renders us. The reasons why Christians *do not know* what to pray for may be:

(1) That they do not know what’s best for them.

(2) They do not know what God might be willing to grant them.

(3) They are to a great extent ignorant of the character of God, the reason of his dealings, the principles of his government, and their own real needs.

(4) They are often in real, deep perplexity. They are encompassed with trials, exposed to temptations, feeble by disease, and subject to calamities. In these circumstances, if left alone, they would neither be able to bear their trials, nor know what to ask at the hand of God.”

> For the Spirit to help us in prayer we must be people of prayer! Why pray?

- 1- Jesus said, “Men always ought to pray” (Luke 18:1). Prayer is imperative! You are commanded to pray! (Matt 26:41- *“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*)
- 2- Prayer is the only way to get things from God. (James 4:2 - *“You do not have because you do not ask”*)
- 3- There is joy in prayer! (John 16:24 - *Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.*)
- 4- Prayer can unlock the treasure chest of God’s wisdom. (James 1:5 - *But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*)
- 5- Prayer will save you out of all your troubles. (Psalm 34:6 - *This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.*)
- 6- Prayer will manifest the power of God! (Jeremiah 33:3 - *‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’*)
- 7- It is a sin not to pray (1 Samuel 12:23 - *Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you*)
- 8- Sinners can be saved when they pray in faith (Romans 10:13 - *For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”*)
- 9- Jesus our example prayed often to the Father. If the Son of God prayed, then we should follow the advice of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - *“Pray without ceasing.”*

> **“With groanings”** – This is not speaking in tongues (1 Cor. 12:10; 14:4-5), but with sighs, or that deep feeling and intense anxiety which exists in the oppressed and burdened heart of the Christian. It also speaks of that which brings great inner strength! Jesus groaned over the disabilities of sin in Mark 7:31-37 & the wages of sin which is death in John 11:33-38.

- **Lesson #4 – THE HOLY SPIRIT BLESSES OUR HEART, MIND, SOUL & LIFE!**

> (v27) ***Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***

> **HEART** - *God searches the heart* – The word *heart* is found 836 times in the Scriptures. In Acts 15:8-10 - *So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*

> **MIND** - Jesus told His disciple John 14:16-17 - *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

> **SOUL** - Be inspired with Paul & Silas in Acts 16:25-34. (Ephesians 5:17-21 - *Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.*)

> **LIFE** - **Every follower of Christ must produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit:**

- Galatians 5:22-23 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Love is Christ!

Joy is Christ strength!

Peace is Christ security!

Long-suffering is Christ patience!

Kindness is Christ conduct!

Goodness is Christ character!

Faithfulness is Christ confidence!

Gentleness is Christ humility!

Self-Control is Christ victory!

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