

current sermon series



VICTORY



A STUDY OF

ROMANS 7-8

Romans 8:26-28

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit,

Romans 8:26-28

because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Definition of Prayer

A personal, communicative response to the knowledge of God. Praying is continuing a conversation that God has started through his Word and his grace, which eventually becomes a full encounter with Him.

-Tim Keller, Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God

Three Ministries of the Holy Spirit

1) Regeneration (John 3:5-8)

John 3:5-8

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:5-8

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Three Ministries of the Holy Spirit

1) Regeneration (John 3:5-8)

2) Sanctification (Romans 8:16-17)

Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Three Ministries of the Holy Spirit

- 1) Regeneration (John 3:5-8)
- 2) Sanctification (Romans 8:16-17)
- 3) Security/Sustenance (Romans 8:11-13; Ephesians 1:11-14)

Romans 8:11-13

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. Heirs with Christ

Romans 8:11-13

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Ephesians 1:11-14

In him we have obtained an inheritance,
having been predestined according to
the purpose of him who works all things
according to the counsel of his will,

Ephesians 1:11-14

¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Ephesians 1:11-14

¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Conformity to Christ

- 1) Conformity to Christ is the Spirit's plea
(Romans 8:26)

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- 1) Conformity to Christ is the Spirit's plea
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- 2) Conformity to Christ is the will of God
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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.

Conformity to Christ

- 1) Conformity to Christ is the Spirit's plea
(Romans 8:26)
- 2) Conformity to Christ is the will of God
(Romans 8:27)
- 3) Conformity to Christ yields our ultimate good (Romans 8:28)

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

