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### The Interceding of the Holy Spirit

“Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” (Romans 8:26)

**A promise made** – “the Spirit also helps our infirmities”

By “infirmities” is strength with the negative prefix, meaning no strength. We begin and remain spiritually impotent. However, "helps" is a double compound: instead, with and to take. The two prefixes emphasize the Holy Spirit being at the side of God's redeemed to assist. Paul said he had learned God's promise: "for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9).

**A confession made** - “for we know not what we should pray for as we ought”

God's children aren't ignorant of the object of prayer, God; or, the mediator of pray, Christ; or, of the help in prayer, the Holy Spirit; or, of the manner of prayer, being faith, reverence and submission. However, we are most ignorant of what to pray for regarding temporal things: physical afflictions, riches, love and marriage, children, vocation and many other things. In the light of this ignorance, he said in verse 28, "we know" God is working all thing together for the good of all who are called "according to his purpose".

**An assurance given** – “but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”

Christ intercedes for us in heaven; the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in our hearts. Graciously has God provided for His pilgrim people. The Holy Spirit enlightens us regarding prayer, grants perseverance before sovereign providence and patience to be submissive. He enables us to bow when His answer is wait or no. "Groanings" or sighing is a literal translation and it's a plural. His work in us isn't verbal or audible. In verse 27, we are told, His intercession is "according to the will of God". He perfectly know God's will, we at best know only in part.

We know this: the Spirit in the heart never contradicts the Spirit in the scriptures; and, desires contrary to God's will don't have their source in the Spirit. So, pray and trust the Spirit.

Therefore, humbly a husband “loves his wife”; and humbly she “reverences (honors) her husband” (V33). The Spirit at home in us is key to our home with one another.

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