



## ROMANS 8:26-30

*<sup>26</sup> 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. <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. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. (Romans 8:26–30)*

### Introduction

- A Preliminary Outline:
  - Romans 1:1-17 – Introduction
  - Romans 1:18-3:20 – Depravity
  - Romans 3:21-5:21 – Justification
  - Romans 6:1-8:39 – \_\_\_\_\_

- How does the Holy Spirit help us in our sanctification (Romans 8)?
  - The Holy Spirit sets us \_\_\_\_\_ from the power of sin and death (Romans 8:2).
  - The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:5).
  - The Holy Spirit empowers us in the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (Romans 8:13).
  - The Holy Spirit assures us that we have been \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 8:14-16).
  - The Holy Spirit is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our redemption (Romans 8:23).

**What confidence do we have that in the midst of suffering our sanctification will result in glorification?**

- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf even when we don't know what to pray (Romans 8:26-27).
  - Christian prayer is directed to the \_\_\_\_\_, in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_, in the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 6:9, Colossians 3:17, Ephesians 6:18).

“Believers, then, should take tremendous encouragement that the will of God is being fulfilled in their lives despite their weakness and inability to know what to pray for. God’s will is not frustrated because of the weakness of believers. It is fulfilled because the Spirit intercedes for us and invariably receives affirmative answers to his pleas.” (Thomas Schreiner, *Romans*)

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of God in salvation reminds us that God will finish what he starts (Romans 8:28-30).
  - “And we \_\_\_\_\_ that for those who \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ things work together for \_\_\_\_\_, for those who are \_\_\_\_\_ according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)
  - The sovereignty of God in salvation began in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The sovereignty of God in salvation is experienced at our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The sovereignty of God in salvation will be fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_.

“Believers are assured that God works everything for good because the God who set his covenant love on them, predestined them to be like his Son, called them effectually to himself, and justified them will certainly glorify them. All the sufferings and afflictions of the present era are not an obstacle to their ultimate salvation but are the means by which salvation will be accomplished.” (Thomas Schreiner, *Romans*)