

## The Book of Romans

### The Gospel of God

How do we maintain hope in the face of suffering and death?

*"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us."*

(Romans 8:18)

<sup>26</sup> In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;

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

(Romans 8:26-27)

## The Spirit's Intercession

### 1. Why does the Spirit pray for us?

- because in our weakness of this age we do not always know what to pray for
- because of our inability to discern God's will clearly in the many things for which we pray

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### 2. How does the Spirit pray for us?

- with an inaudible "language" in our hearts, in a manner imperceptible to us
- our prayers/groanings are translated by the Spirit into his own language of prayer

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### 3. What does the Spirit pray for us?

- He prays for the saints in perfect accord with the sovereign will of God

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➤ Implications:

1. The Necessity of Prayer

- God has ordained prayer as a necessary means of accomplishing His purpose
- Prayer displays the glory of God by manifesting our dependence on His power and grace

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➤ Implications:

2. The Present Help for Believers

- we are not expected to know the will of God in every circumstance we face
- God the Father always responds to the prays of the Spirit – we are secure forever!