

The Great Intercessor
Romans 8:18-27

God did not come to save you from pain, stress and trouble but through it to a hope in heaven.

_____ is believing God for the present.

_____ is believing God for the future.

1. The Reality of _____ – 18-25

“When we disobey God we defy His authority and despise His holiness. But when we fail to trust God we doubt His sovereignty and question His goodness.”

– Jerry Bridges, Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts

1. _____ Suffers – 19-22

2. _____ Suffer – 23-25

Yancey in his book on pain says, *pain never comes to us in general. It comes in specific: in a synaptic firestorm of nerves and spinal cord, or in an emotional cloud of sorrow and grief.*

2. The _____ of the Holy Spirit – 26,27

the Spirit also helps our _____

In is not that the Holy Spirit helps only time to time when we are weak; we are weak ALL the time.

- Are you struggling today with a physical pain or trouble?
- Are you fighting depression, anxiety or another emotional malformity?
- How about your thought life, failures and regrets?

Helps

The word speaks of the action of a person coming to another's aid by taking hold over against that person, of the load he is carrying.

Pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart until in our despair there comes wisdom through the awful grace of God. Aeschylus

The Spirit Himself

Isn't that awesome? Our weakness is _____ to God.

with groanings too deep for words;

Groan - to express oneself involuntarily in the face of an _____ circumstance

A depth of intensity where we cannot even comprehend.

Verse 27

The One **who searches our hearts** is God -1 Sam. 16:7; Heb. 4:13.

This might be called intertrinitarian communication.

A divine communication from the Holy Spirit to the Father.

The Holy Spirit knows and can come alongside and carry some of the load.

But there is more....

In Heb. 7:25 it says that _____ constantly intercedes for us.

Intercession involves our Lord's presentation of us, His people, at the throne of God. Through Christ, we are able to draw near to God.

The work of the Holy Spirit in the matter of growth and sanctification guarantee us security and hope on this earth.

You have 2 parts of the Trinity actively interceding on your behalf to the 3rd part.

Application:

Why does the Holy Spirit need to intercede for us?

1. We are weak. Do you see that? Do you know that you are broken? Stop acting like you have it all together or expect others to.
2. We lack wisdom. You don't know how to live, react, respond or what to do next. When you act on your act, you mess it up! By faith believe, when we pray, the Holy Spirit takes our prayers and presents to the Father our exact need.
3. We have a will. The Holy Spirit helps but we need to act. Get up, get going and grow!

“While it is certainly true that God’s love for us does not protect us from pain and sorrow, it is also true that all occasions of pain and sorrow are under the absolute control of God. If God controls the circumstances of the sparrow, how much more does He control the circumstances that affect us? God does not walk away and leave us to the mercy of uncontrolled random or chance events.”

— Jerry Bridges, *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts*

“It is the great moment of our lives when we decide that sin must die right out, not be curbed or suppressed or counteracted, but crucified.”

Oswald Chambers