

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## Romans 8:24-30

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### **“WE ARE ON OUR WAY” — PART 3**

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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#### **Romans 8:24-30**

**24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.**

**For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.**

### **The Reality and Origin of our Groaning**

#### **Philippians 3:20-21**

**For our citizenship (identity) is in heaven, from which we also eagerly (crave) wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body.**

“The Holy Spirit has been supernaturally given to us as “a sample” of Heaven.

So powerful is this revelation to the soul that it results in a forever addiction to the things of God, and for the presence of God. We long for Him, we long for Him to have His will accomplished in our lives. We long for the day that He receives us into His kingdom forever.

An awesome reminder of this in Scripture is when the children of Israel spied out the promised land, the land of Canaan.

**Numbers 13:23-24**

**Then they** (The Israeli Force-Recon) **came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there they cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes; they carried it between two of them on a pole. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs. 24 The place was called the Valley of Eshcol, because of the cluster which the men of Israel cut down there.**

## **WE ARE ON OUR WAY**

**1.) The Heartbeat of Heaven**

**vs. 23**

**Psalm 40:8**

**(a messianic psalm)**

**I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.”**

**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

**He has made everything beautiful in its time.**

**Also He has put eternity in their hearts,**

**2.) The Hope of Heaven**

**vs. 24-25**

**Psalm 27:4**

**One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.**

**1 John 3:2-3**

**Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

Well church – until that day comes – the LORD has given you and I the most perfect assurance and assistance from heaven above...

## **WE ARE ON OUR WAY**

**3.) The Help of Heaven**

**vs. 26-27**

**26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.**

**For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

**3a.) Heaven is listening**

**vs. 26a**

**26a Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.**

Prayer is the Divine (Holy Spirit) in us appealing to the Divine above us.

This Shouldn't Be a Surprise

**John 14:16-17 KJV**

**16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

Heaven was Listening – The Father was Listening

**John 14:26**

**But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

**Pray**            **grk: proseucho'mai**  
to express towards, to make or offer toward or to another. to cry out from within or from without.

Verse 26b

**26b Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.**

**Helps**            **grk: sun'anti'lambano'mai**  
to take hold of or to take alongside, to be at your side or to take a share in the need.

**Weaknesses**    **grk: as'the'ne'ia**  
coming from weakness, coming from frailty, ailments (1), diseases (1), illness(1), infirmities(1), sickness, distress, sorrow debilitating emotions as well as physical sufferings.

Verse 26a

**For we do not know what we should pray for  
as we ought...**

“For we do not know what we should pray for “

**1 Peter 1:6-8**

**In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. *Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,***

**Psalm 46:1-3**

**God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. - Selah**

**Hebrews 4:16**

**Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**Psalm 103:13-14**

**As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.**

Praying Wrong -

**James 4:1-3**

**Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.**

**"But I prayed about it"** Has become a sort of Christian fortune cookie method of prayer. Just because you **"prayed about it"** doesn't mean you got an answer from God. Many times, we're guilty of **just praying about it**

only to say **amen** and get up and run headlong into a disaster or into a catastrophe or into **a very bad idea** or into a very wrong relationship.

"From history, we learn that Xenophon of Athens wrote that 'Socrates, taught his disciples simply to pray for good things and do not attempt to be so specific, but leave God to decide what the best things are'".

William Barclay

I'm asked often **"Pastor Jack how can I pray for you"** which I absolutely appreciate beyond words. My answer is always the same and complete - it is this, **"When you pray for me, pray for God's favor - in Jesus' name amen."**

**Matthew 6:8a**

**For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.**

"We cannot know our own real need; we cannot, with our finite minds, grasp God's plan; in the last analysis, all that we can bring to God is an inarticulate sigh, which the Holy Spirit will translate to God for us."

Heaven is Listening but;  
There is an Exception to this Fact

**Isaiah 59:1-2**

**Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.**

**Habakkuk 1:13**

**Your eyes too pure to behold evil and cannot look upon wickedness.**

HalleluYAH - Jesus Christ Cleared the Way

**Psalm 22:1**

**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, - (that would be Mark 15:34)**

**Psalm 22:6-8**

**But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; (that would be Isaiah 53:3) Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" (that would be Matthew 27:42)**

**Psalm 22:9-10**

**But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. (that would be Micah 5:2) & (that would be Isaiah 7:14 & Isaiah 9:6)**

**Psalm 22:15a**

**15a My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; (that would be John 19:28)**

**Psalm 22:18**

**They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. (that would be John 19:37)**

**Matthew Levi 27:35 AMP.**

**Then they crucified Christ, and divided His garments, casting lots, fulfilling that which was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah saying:**

***"They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."***

**Psalm 22:31**

**They will come and declare His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done this. (that would be Matthew, Mark, Luke John, & Peter, Paul and Mary and you!)**

**Romans 3:21-22**

**But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;**

**Galatians 3:28-29**

**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

**WE ARE ON OUR WAY  
THE HELP OF HEAVEN**

**3b.) Heaven is speaking**

**vs. 26b**

**26b but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us  
with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

**Intercession** grk: huper'entug'cha'no  
to intercede, to make petition for on the behalf of another.

**Luke 22:31-32a**

**And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail;**

**Philippians 2:13**

**For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**

"Through our inarticulate groanings, either in sighs or groans we speak to God. It may also indicate that there is a prayer or spirit language that is unbound by earthly words. It may include in this teaching, expressions, longings, and aspirations coming from the new man that has been created within us, which well up from inside the depths of our spirit. Having now been born again by the Spirit of God we cannot be imprisoned by human limitations. With such prayer - it is the indwelling Holy Spirit who prays, and it is His mind that is immediately read and heard by the Father to whom the prayer is addressed and directed in Jesus' name. God the Father listens to the Holy Spirit speaking from within and from without on behalf of our frail human nature, yet redeemed and sealed in anticipation of the glories of heaven."

F.F. Bruce

What is implied here is that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are both continuously presenting our weaknesses to the Father.

**Groanings**

grk: ste'nag'mos

grieving, sighing, to mourn or bemoan to lament

**Uttered**

grk: ala'let'os

Inexpressible – there are no words - too deep to express.

**1 Corinthians 14:14-15**

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.

**Hebrews. 7:25-26**

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

## He Lives to Make Intercession

**John 10:28**

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

## He Lives to Make Intercession

**John 17:2-3**

As You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

## He Lives to Make Intercession

**John 16:12-13a**

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak.

## He Lives to Make Intercession

**John 16:5-7**

“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.



# If Heaven has Spoken – And is Speaking,

Then we too must speak also.

Speak what?

“The Wonderful Works of God”

## **Mark 7:31-37**

**Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. 32 Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. 33 And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” 35 Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”**

I believe that this passage is in the Bible for me personally - -

Regarding my old life. but **don't feel left out**, I believe it's in the Bible for you too and here's why- You at one time wouldn't listen either, you couldn't hear a thing. You once just babbled and dribbled like a drunk – day in day out.

But then God began to Interrupt your life as the Holy Spirit began to Speak to you, Listen to you, Answer you - from Heaven

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