

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

Romans 8:26-30

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“WE ARE ON OUR WAY” – PART 4

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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We Are On Our Way

Romans 8:26-30

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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 Work of God in the Life of the Believer
cannot be overstated.**

Philippians 2:12b-13

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Every single one of us, as believers, are in hot pursuit of the nearness of God. Yet all the while He possesses us who live in Him. The most “Wonderful Christian Life” is reserved for those who find themselves most yielded to the perfect will of God.

The fact is – it’s the Bible that tells us of a time when man literally interacted, talked with, walked with, and experienced God, in a way that we cannot even begin to imagine.

Genesis 3:8

And they (Adam & Eve) heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

But man did what man always does – he self-destructs – and Adam & Eve did exactly what you and I would have done, and some of you are still doing, and that is – they went after what was their own idea on how life ought to be lived.

But God in His mercy and grace didn’t leave us to our own doom, damnation, or devises – God had a plan that would (#1) begin with a rescue mission from man’s own plight and (#2) to restore our lost fellowship. Our alienation from our Creator God!

WE ARE ON OUR WAY

1.) The Heartbeat of Heaven vs. 23

2.) The Hope of Heaven vs. 24-25

3.) The Help of Heaven vs. 26-27

Verse 26-27

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WE ARE ON OUR WAY THE HELP OF HEAVEN

3a.) Heaven is listening

vs. 26a

26a Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses.

Weaknesses

grk: as'the'ne'ia

coming from weakness, coming from frailty, ailments, diseases, illness, infirmities, sickness, distress, sorrow debilitating emotions as well as physical sufferings.

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 another.

“Through our inarticulate groanings, either in sighs or utterances we speak to God. It also indicates that there is a prayer or spirit language that is unbound by earthly words. It may be included in this teaching that - expressions, longings, pain, sufferings and aspirations coming from the spirit of our new man that has been created within us, that which wells up from inside the depths of our spirit, as our prayer is offered. Having now been born again by the Spirit of God we can no longer be imprisoned by human limitations. Such prayer, prompted by the indwelling Holy Spirit who communicates our true need. This God ordained intercession which comes forth from us is immediately heard and understood by God the Father to whom the prayer is addressed and in the Name of Jesus Christ through whom the prayer is offered. God the Father is listening to the Holy Spirit who is speaking from within us – He being, transcendent of our frail human Nature, prays on our behalf.
F.F. Bruce

Thus - 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.**

**The Activity or Manifestation of the Holy Spirit’s Power in Your Life
is in Direct Proportion to what power is needed for you to live out
your new life in Christ.**

“The key is just that – ‘to live out your new life’”

WE ARE ON OUR WAY THE HELP OF HEAVEN

3c.) Heaven is answering

vs. 27

**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.**

Romans 8:26-27 NLT

**And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God
wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be
expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is
saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.**

**“There is great liberty in surrendering to the will of God. We have also been left
a great example of what it is like to surrender to the will of God in the most
impossible situations. Jesus gave us the ultimate example. We do not need to
figure the issue out on our own rather Jesus Himself gives us the greatest prayer
that could ever been offered up, it is simply this,**

**'Father into your hands,
I commit my spirit.'”**

Jh

There's the Prophetic Witness of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13b-15

He (Holy Spirit) **will tell you things to come. 14 He** (Holy Spirit) **will glorify Me, for He** (Holy Spirit) **will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He** (Holy Spirit) **will take of Mine and declare it to you.**

Verse 27a

**27a Now He who searches the hearts
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knows what the mind of the Spirit is,**

Notice Here the Union between us and God

Searches **grk: ereunao**
That God Himself **examines**, That God Himself is **aware**,
That God Himself is **knowing**. That God Himself is **answering**.

Mind **grk: phronema**
His thoughts, His plans, His will, the exact function or reason for our
existence – His all-encompassing thoughts according to His predetermined
purposes.

Psalm 139:17-18

**How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! 18
If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I
am still with You.**

Jeremiah 29:11-13

**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace
and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go
and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when
you search for Me with all your heart.**

Verse 27b

27b Because He MAKES intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Psalm 139:1-6

O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3

You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

5 You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

Intercession

grk: entugchano

to entreat, to appeal, to make pleas on the behalf of.

According

grk: kata

to be prepared against, to make ready accordingly,

to preempt the circumstance(s).

to be ahead of what is coming.

Psalm 103:10-14

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. 13 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.

Isaiah 53:12

Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 5:7-9

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

"The people have no other remedy in this, as in all other cases where they have no judge on earth, but to appeal to heaven ..."

John Locke

1632 – 1704

English philosopher and physician. Regarded as the most influential architect of the Enlightenment thinkers, commonly known as the "Father of Liberalism".

An Appeal To Heaven

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"By order of General George Washington, the inspirational phrase used by John Locke was emblazoned on the "An Appeal To Heaven" Revolutionary War flag so as to remind those over whom it flew that after all other alternatives of seeking justice have been exhausted, only an "Appeal to Heaven" remains. Colonists who saw it were reminded to be wholly reliant upon heaven and the God Who reigns supreme. Their focus was cast upon Jesus Christ, their concern was living by conviction without fear of worldly cost."

Encyclopedia of Britannica

Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" 14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'

Tetragrammaton

The name of God which is YHWH or LORD which means salvation, or savior. His nature is the all becoming one or the eternal one or self-contained or self-existing one or HE who is the becoming one.

"Moses – Tell them that I AM all that they need. I AM the shield they need. I AM the food they need. I AM the defender they need."

Genesis 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram (Jack) in a vision, saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram (Jack). I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.”

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