

Intercession of the Spirit

Romans 8:26-27



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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.

The Fact Stated

Our spirit makes intercession for us

Likewise – refers to the power of hope

Intercession – to speak on behalf of another

Some confuse Intercession with Mediator

1 Mediator – 1 Timothy 2:5

You and I often intercede for others in prayer

The Help Needed

In pain, grief and despair – we don't know what to say or what to pray for

Not that we don't know how to pray

Under stress – we can't express in words

Pain, loss, suffering, fear, stress, despair, such a deep sense of hurting

The Method Followed

Our spirit makes intercession for us
Intercession – go to meet a person, to fall in
with, to pray on behalf of another
Only one mediator – Jesus
Many intercessors – Jesus, friends, church
members, family

The Material Used

Groaning, moaning, sigh, cry, weep
We can't put into words what we are feeling
deep in our heart
All we can do is weep, beg for help, cry out to
God
We often don't even know what we need

The Reason Specified

Our spirit searches our heart
Just as the Spirit searches the mind of God
Who knows us better than our spirit
Who understands our pain
Our spirit translates our groaning and moaning
Our spirit speaks to God when we lack the
words

Final Notes:

There are two spirits in this passage

1 – The Holy Spirit

2 – The human spirit

When the human mind crumbles, our spirit
steps in to intercede on our behalf

We must do the same for each other