ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

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1. You have a new position
2. You have a new relationship
3. You have been adopted into a new family
4. You have a new hope
26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.
AN INCREDIBLE BLESSING

• The Spirit’s ministry of intercession
  1. Jesus intercedes in the court of heaven.
     Hebrews 7:25, 1 John 2:1
  2. The Holy Spirit intercedes in the “theater of our own hearts.”
     John 14:16-17

• The issue:
  Our ignorance respecting the proper content – we don’t know what to pray as the exigencies of our situation demand.

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1. God searches our hearts and finds unuttered and unutterable groaning.

2. They are consonant with the will of the Father because they are initiated by the Spirit.

3. These desires and intercessions are agreeable to the Father and are endorsed by Jesus.
4. The encouragement extended to the people of God is that the unuttered groans are the index to the fact that God does “exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20) and that not our infirmity of understanding and request is the measure of God’s grace but the knowledge, wisdom, and love of the Holy Spirit.”
AN URGENT QUESTION

WHY ARE WE SO UNAWARE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT?

• Grieve

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

Saying YES to that which God says NO.
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WHY ARE WE SO UNAWARE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT?

• Quench

Do not quench the Spirit; [NASV]
Do not extinguish the Spirit. [Net Bible]
Do not put out the Spirit’s fire, [NIV]

Saying NO to that which God says YES.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

1. Repent

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

James 4:7–10
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

2. Seek

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:16
How powerful is your prayer life?
Are there ways that you have quenched or grieved the Spirit?
What should you do about your offense?
What do you think the Spirit prays for you?