

GROANING OF INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT

We are currently studying Creation from Romans 8:18-27.

We always look for Greek markers in our passages. For example, we used the word **groaning (stenazo)** to divide (Rom.8:18-27) into three sections for study:

- (Rom.8:18-22) Creation
- (Rom.8:23-25) Christian
- (Rom.8:26-27) Comforter

This lesson will study four aspects of the Groaning of Indwelling Holy Spirit.

1. Our lesson text opens with an important phrase, “And in the same way.”

This phrase refers back to “suffering of this present time (Rom.8:18)” and “groaning as in the pain of childbirth” (Rom.8:22; Gen.3:16). This is because of curses associated with Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) (Gen.2:17; 3:13-19).

We could characterize (Rom.8:18-27) by (Rom.12:12)

- Rejoicing in hope (Rom.8:18-25)
 - Persevering in tribulation (Rom.8:23-25)
 - Devoted to prayer (Rom.8:26-27)
- **Creation** (Rom.8:18-22) will be released from the curse at the end of the First Resurrection (Rev.20:5-6; 1 Cor.15:20-26).
- **Christian** (Rom.8:23-25) will be released from the curse at the Rapture of First Resurrection (1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:20, 23, 50-54).
- **Comforter** (Rom.8:26-27) will be released when John 14:16 is fulfilled, **“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter), that He may be with you forever.”**

NOTE: Besides **groaning**, pay attention to these markers: **know** and **intercede** and **The Spirit**. This will help you get a better picture of what follows doctrinally.

2. The Greek word “know” (oida/ perf.) refers to what you have learned and understand and believe in the past with the results that it remains in future.

The problem is not the knowing but applying it to struggling (groaning) in the Christian Way of Life (CWL) (Rom.8:23-27; 2 Tim.3:16-17).

This is identified as **“our weakness** (te astheneia) [without strength to carry on normal tasks].” The indwelling of The Holy Spirit is assigned to **“help** (sunantilambano/ p.m.ind.3p) [to help carry a heavy burden together] (1 Pet.5:5 -7).”

3. Intercession is used two times (huperentugchano) (vs. 26) and (entugchano) (vs. 27).

Intercession is a ministry of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (IHS) to every church age believer (CAB).

In intercession, the Indwelling Holy Spirit speaks the language of Omniscience by inexpressible groaning. **This is not the groaning of the Christian, but that of the Comforter.**

(Rom.8:26) “And in the same way **the Spirit** also **helps our weakness; for** (explanatory gar) we do not know how to pray (to proseuchomai/ p.m.subj.asn) as we should (dei/ p.a.ind) (2 Cor.12:7-10)

but (alla/ adversative/ contrast) the **Spirit Himself** intercedes for us (huperentugchano/ p.a.ind.3ps) with groaning too deep for words (alaletos/ inexpressible).”

The Intercessory ministry of The Holy Spirit is essential during prolonged periods of undeserved suffering (U/S).

4. The Holy Spirit, the third member of the Godhead, indwells every Church Age Believer (CAB) at the moment of grace salvation. (Gal.3:2; Acts 19:2; Rom.8:9-11; 1 Cor.6:19-20; John 14:16).

The Spirit is a key to effective prayer life (Rom.8:26, 27; Eph.6:18)

(Rom.8:27) “And **He (God)** who searches (ho ereunao/ p.a.ptc.nsm) the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because (hoti declarative) **He (Spirit) intercedes for** (huper+abl./ on behalf of) **the saints** (hagios) **according to** (kata+acc of norm and standard) the will of God.” (1 John 5:14-15)

Once again, listen to Paul’s opening statement in Rom.8:18. “For I consider that the suffering (ta pathema) [undeserved] of this present time (tou nun kairos) **are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**”

We have learned is that whenever a Church Age Believer (CAB) is in a prolonged period of suffering and feels over-whelmed; he has these three promises.

- The Spirit helps our weaknesses (Rom.8:26).
- The Spirit intercedes on behalf of our prayer life according to will of God (Rom.8:26-27).
- The Spirit is able to speak the language of omniscience; which is the language behind the perfect plan of God on our behalf (Rom.8:26-27).