

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Romans 8:26-27

“The unspeakable gift of the Son of God was followed up by the equally priceless gift of the Holy Spirit. Must it not be confessed by us that we think far less of the Holy Spirit than we should? I am sure we do not exalt the Savior too much, nor is He too often the subject of our meditations; but at the same time, we give to the Holy Spirit a very disproportionate place, compared with the Redeemer. I fear that we grieve the Spirit by our neglect of Him.” Spurgeon

- I. According to Romans 8, the ministry of the Spirit who lives in us sets us free to live in his power, puts our minds and hearts on what he desires, controls us in and toward righteousness, gives life to our mortal bodies at the resurrection, secures our adoption as God’s sons and daughters, instills in us a familial bond with God and with one another, infuses in us a strong desire to be set free from this earthly tent to embrace fully our redemption, and helps us in our weakness by praying for us with words that we cannot express.

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- II. According to John 14, The Holy Spirit has been given to us by Jesus as an advocate, intercessor, helper and counselor. He took Jesus’ place as his “exact representative” to keep us secure, well taught and lovingly nurtured as adopted children of God.

John 14:15-17

παράκλητος *paráklētos*; an intercessor, consoler:—advocate, comforter.

Psalm 68:5-6 *A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun scorched land.*

III. According to Ephesians 1, the presence of the Holy Spirit within our hearts is a seal upon our lives that confirms us as true children of God, that marks us as God's possession, that guarantees our inheritance as heirs and co-heirs with Christ and that renders our salvation as genuine and true.

Eph. 1:13-14

1 Cor. 6:19-20

Rom. 8:16

Eph. 4:30 ...do not grieve the Holy Spirit, with whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.

IV. According to Romans 8, God the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness by interceding for us before God our Father. He expresses with words before God's throne of grace the groaning that goes on within our souls over things in our lives that overwhelm and frustrate us, so that we may find grace and receive mercy in our time of need (**Heb. 4:16**).

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synantilambanomai = help, to take hold with another

sun = "with," "along with," or "together with"

anti = "for" or "in the place of"

lambano = "to take," "take a hold of," "remove," or "bear"

"All together if refers to the Holy Spirit coming alongside us to take part of the heavy load and help us bear it."