

## Romans 8:26-27 • Help For Weak People

*Suppose at some point you found yourself in a really tough situation. You were away from home, with limited resources, so you contacted your father to make him aware of the predicament. He writes back that he is sending someone to help you.*

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*Holy Spirit is referenced 30 times in Romans. 20 of those are in chapter 8.*

Ezekiel 36:25-27 **I will** sprinkle clean water on you, and **you shall be clean** from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols **I will** cleanse you. And **I will** give you a **new heart, and a new spirit I will** put within you. And **I will** remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**

Romans 2:29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and **circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 5:5 and hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

1John 4:19 We **love** because he **first loved** us.

Romans 7:6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that **we serve in the new way of the Spirit** and not in the old way of the written code.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the **Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus** from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk** not according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but **those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit**. For to set the

mind on the flesh is death, **but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.**

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, **but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but **you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **provided we suffer with him** in order that we may also be glorified with him.

For I consider that the **sufferings of this present time** are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been **groaning** together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, **who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly** as we **wait eagerly** for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, **we wait for it with patience.**

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Likewise the **Spirit helps us in our weakness.**

For we do not know what to pray for as we ought,

Isaiah 55:8-9 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

but the **Spirit himself intercedes for us**  
with **groanings too deep for words** (unutterable, or, unexpressed).

And he(God the Father) who searches **hearts**  
knows what is the **mind of the Spirit**,

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom **we cry, “Abba! Father!”**

Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent **the Spirit** of his Son into our hearts, **crying, “Abba! Father!”**

because  
the **Spirit** intercedes for the saints  
according to the will of God.

John 15:26 “But when the **Helper** (Holy Spirit) comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the **Spirit of truth**, who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness about me.**

John 16:13 When the **Spirit of truth** comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 16:14 **He will glorify me**, for he (Holy Spirit) will take what is mine and **declare it to you.**

Romans 8:14 For all who are **led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.**

Galatians 5:18 But if you are **led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

Luke 4:1 And Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** in the wilderness

Luke 24:49 And behold, **I am sending the promise** (Holy Spirit) of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are **clothed with power** from on high.”

Acts 1:8 But you will receive **power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**, and **you will be** my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Galatians 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and **renewal of the Holy Spirit**,

Titus 3:6 **whom he poured out on us richly** through Jesus Christ our Savior,

2Corinthians 1:22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his **Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee**.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself **bears witness with our spirit** that we are children of God,

1John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, **because he has given us of his Spirit**.

2Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, **we have a building from God**, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2Corinthians 5:5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the **Spirit as a guarantee**.

Ephesians 1:13 In him you also, when you **heard the word of truth**, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him**, were sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit**,

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the **Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1Corinthians 2:7 But we impart a secret and hidden **wisdom of God**, which God decreed **before the ages for our glory**.

1Corinthians 2:8 **None** of the rulers of this age **understood this**, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1Corinthians 2:9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, **what God has prepared for those who love him**”—

1Corinthians 2:10 these things **God has revealed to us through the Spirit**. For the **Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God**.

1Corinthians 2:11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also **no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God**.

1Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God**.

1Corinthians 2:13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but **taught by the Spirit**, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1Corinthians 2:14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and **he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned**.

1Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are **God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?**

John 14:17 even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you**.

1Corinthians 12:13 For in **one Spirit** we were all **baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

2Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom**.

2Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. **For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit**.

Ephesians 2:13 But now **in Christ Jesus** you who once were far off have been **brought near by the blood of Christ.**

Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have **access in one Spirit to the Father.**

Ephesians 2:19 So then you are **no longer strangers and aliens**, but you are **fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,**

Ephesians 3:16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be **strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,**

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John 14:26 But the **Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.**

2Peter 1:21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but **men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had **peace and was being built up.** And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the **comfort of the Holy Spirit**, it multiplied.

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Romans 8:34 Who is to condemn? **Christ Jesus** is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is **interceding** for us.

