

## **Our Weakness & God's Provision**

Romans 8:26-30

The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all believers is a recurring theme in Romans 8 – we're called to consider His indwelling presence and transforming work. We're called to consider perspective transforming promises that as believers in Jesus Christ, we ought to claim. These promises should move us to joyfully praise the Lord and give thanks to Him.

We see the need for discipling. These promises belong only to believers and it's heavy to consider that most are not headed for future glory but rather for everlasting punishment.

God has made provision for us as we wait for our ultimate redemption: The Holy Spirit helps us pray, God in His Providence directs absolutely everything in such a way that all things that come our way serve our ultimate good and considering God's initiative in our salvation leads us to celebrate the security that we have in Christ.

### **1. The Holy Spirit us helps us pray.**

As believers we're enabled to wait in hope for the fulfillment of God's promises because of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit – He helps us in our weakness.

### **2. God in His Providence directs absolutely everything in such a way that all things that come our way serve our ultimate good.**

We need to note the qualification; this is for those who love God for believers in Jesus Christ.

When difficult, confusing and painful circumstances arise the most common question is – *Why? Why God?* We need to acknowledge – we're not God, we're not from everlasting to everlasting.

Our ultimate good doesn't promise that things will resolve positively in the short term. That said – *God is in control. The future is certain and He is working all things together for our good.*

This does not ignore or downplay suffering and heartache it allows us to trust God in the midst of it. In suffering as we weep, we cling tightly to the fact of God's sovereign control and we know that whatever we're facing works for our ultimate good. This is a firm anchor in the midst of the storms of life.

Back to the question – *Why?* We may not understand but we know because God tells us that He always works for His glory and our ultimate good.

If you've personally received the Lord Jesus as your Savior, this is because God was working in your life first. He foreknew and predestined you (in the distant past); He effectually called you to conversion (in the recent past) and He will glorify you at Christ's return (in the future).

The context speaks about groaning and struggling awaiting the fulfillment of God's plan of redemption and this tells us that God finishes what He starts – 100% of the time.

This unbreakable chain is the source of wonderful assurance.

Ask – *What promises do I need to claim today?*

- *Do I need to hear and embrace the truth that the Holy Spirit helps us pray?*
- *Do I need to cling to a Romans 8:28 perspective?*
- *Do I need to ponder the security that comes from the Lord?*