

Life in the Spirit, Part 7

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 8:17-30.
- B. Believers are kept by the power of God through faith. (1 Peter 1:5)
- C. Our salvation is not complete until we come to glorification.
- D. The Trinity secures the believer. (2 Corinthians 1:21, 2 Timothy 2:19, 1 Corinthians 1:6, Ephesians 1:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Hebrews 6:16)
- E. The Holy Spirit guarantees our glory.

II. The incomparable gains of glory.

III. The inexpressible groans of glory.

- A. Creation.
- B. Believers.
- C. The Spirit.

1. The Spirit groans on our behalf.
2. This is not speaking in tongues.
3. It is amazing that the Spirit is on our side.
4. The Spirit helps us because we do not know what to pray for. (Luke 22:31)
5. The ever living interceding Christ keeps us saved. (Hebrews 12)
 - a. Intercession means to help someone in trouble who has no escape.
 - b. Satan wars against believers.
6. The Spirit's groaning is an inter-Trinitarian communication. (Philippians 2, 1:19)
7. The Spirit prays and God hears. (Daniel 6:16, 1 Kings 8:39, 1 Chronicles 28:9, Psalm 139, Proverbs 15:11, Acts 1:24, 1 Corinthians 4:5, Hebrews 4:13)
8. The reason that all things work together for good is because the Spirit intercedes for us.

IV. The infallible guarantee of glory.

Application Questions:

1. Why do we need help in knowing what to pray for?

2. How is the Spirit's praying for us an intra-Trinitarian act?

3. How does the Spirit's praying contribute to our glorification? Explain.
