





First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my conscience, how I always mention you to Him in my prayers, asking that I may find you in good health and peace. I long to see you that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you will be established together with all the saints and I may be able to visit you (but this depends on my journey). I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and the simple. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE Romans

## Life in the Spirit - 4

Romans 8:23-27

# Redemption

- The context of the Holy Spirit's activity in our lives.
- Believers live with the burden of wanting to experience the fulfillment of redemption.

## V.23

- Both Christians and God's "creation" are ***waiting eagerly*** for the day of redemption.
- This is not a groaning in the negative sense; as in under the burden of imperfection, but a groaning for the glory of God to be revealed in us.
- 2 Cor. 5:4
- Groaning/burden that 1st century believers had regarding the fulfillment of redemption.



## V.23

- How many of you believed that Jesus would remove all your cares after giving Him your life?
- Groaning takes place in the heart and it is reinforced by the hope we live with as believers.

## V.24-25

- The hope that one day we will be fully redeemed.
- we believe what the bible teaches about the reason for which He came.
- V.24- He refers to a hope that is temporal in nature; one that requires natural perception.
- V.25- He refers to a hope that is eternal in nature; one that requires Faith to be experienced.
  - Faith today allows us to take ownership of the hope God has given us for tomorrow.

- James 2:14-19
  - INACTIVE FAITH IS HOPE-LESS FAITH!
  - A fundamental inactivity of faith.
- 1 Thess.5:24
- It's the assurance that we are not alone! Our Faith is not HOPE-LESS.



## V.26

- We must not take for granted the Presence of the Holy Spirit within us.
- Believers are inhabited with the literal Presence of God.
- In the same way that we are to fight the good fight until we are glorified, the Holy Spirit is committed to helping us until that comes to pass.
- John 14:1,16-17



- What did Paul mean by his use of the word “weakness”?
  - Does not only refer to the struggles we go through on a daily basis.
  - “the inability to produce results.”
- Without Him we are lost sheep!
  - Without Him we are incapable of praying according to His will.
  - How then can we live lives according to His will?
- We can overcome all circumstances if we turn our lives over to the care of the Holy Spirit.

## V.26b-27

- I remember the surprise on his face every time one of us would show up to His side exactly before he suffered the consequence of a bad choice on his part.
  - Before hitting the ground.
  - As his parents we kept a really close eye on him.
- The verses I read clearly refer to the intimate communication that exists between God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.
- V.26 reveals that the Holy Spirit is communicating heavenward, and V.27 reveals that the Lord in heaven is listening. There's a dialogue taking place on our behalf.

- There exists a 'will' greater than our own.
- The Holy Spirit is communicating with heaven in such a way, so as to bring about the transformation of our hearts.
- John 16:12-16