

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Parent Sunday (MSM & HSM) - Sunday, October 6th @ 9 am
 - EncounterVBC (Newcomer Event) - Sunday, October 13th
 - Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17th - 20th
 - Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19th @ 9am
 - VBC Basketball Starts - Sunday, October 20th
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- Women's Ministry Harvest Brunch - Saturday, November 2nd
 - Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Event - Saturday, November 9th

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SONGS & SERMONS

"Found in You" - Paul Baloche, Andi Rozier

"King of Heaven/Oh Our Lord" - Jason Ingram, Paul Baloche

"Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher

"O Come to the Altar" - Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

"Be Thou My Vision" - Don Chapman, Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne

"Do It Again" - Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Matt Redman, Steven Furtick

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,239,624.00

Giving Last Week.....\$46,635.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,169,875.00

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Romans

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL THAT MAKES US RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

MUSIC: ALEC TACCONI | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

The good that always comes when the Holy Spirit prays

Romans 8:26-30

The pieces from 8:5-17 about walking in step with the Holy Spirit:

Suffering in this world, our certain hope & the Spirit:

Rom. 8:23 *And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*



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The Spirit prays as an aid to our weakness in praying (8:26-27).

1. The Spirit joins us in praying when "what" is unclear (26).

Rom. 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*

2. The Spirit's praying for us comes with two unchangeables (27).

Rom. 8:27 *And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

- a. The Father always knows the intentions of the Spirit (a).
- b. The Spirit always prays in harmony with the Father's desires; thus, . . . (b).

The Spirit's praying guarantees our good both now & eternally (8:28-30).

1. God promises to produce good through all events & people "in time" (28).

Rom. 8:28 *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

2. God's promise "in time" rests on His eternal guarantee-our glorification (29-30).

Rom. 8:29 *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brothers.³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

How this process worked in Paul's life: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

1. Paul seemingly did not understand the purpose of his suffering (7-8).

2Cor. 12:7 *So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.*

2. Jesus had to explain the "good" to be produced by Paul's hardships (9a).

2Cor. 12:9a *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

3. Paul's new reason to trust resided in God's good purpose for him (9b-10).

2Cor. 12:9b *Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*