

Romans 8:26-27

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. 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.

Holy Spirit reveals 2 things to us

1. He intercedes for us
2. He teaches us about prayer

The Holy Spirit's intercession grants us assurance and intimacy with the Father.

1) Intercession

What is intercession?

- Intercession is acting on the behalf of another

Why is it needed?

- We have a need for intercession or we suffer condemnation.

How does intercession affect us?

- Enables intimacy between us and the Father
 - **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.
 - **James 4:2-3** You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.
- Rouses intense desire for God within us

So what does this passage teach us about prayer in light of the intercession of the Holy Spirit?

2) Prayer

We pray with:

1. Submission
 2. Desire
 3. Confidence
- Submission
 - With desire
 - Freedom
 - Fulfillment
 - With confidence

