

Romans 8:26 - 30 Between Salvation and Glorification; The Great Wilderness

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

because we don't know the will of God, but the Holy Spirit does and intercedes for us in groanings too deep for our own words.

all things are not good in themselves but will "work together" for good. Much like a puzzle...

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew,

(4) The Sovereignty of God helps us because we can trust His providential care in "all things" great and small.

He also predestined to become conformed to the image of

His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called;

and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom

He justified, He also glorified.

all all the saved will be raised from the dead

Not one of the "whoms" will be lost

Christ will bring "many sons to glory"

His efficacious calling of the elect all the predestined will be called

all the called will respond and be justified

(1) vs 24-25 Hope helps our weakness...

(2) v. 26 and the Holy Spirit helps us

(3) Prayer helps us, and the Holy Spirit helps us in prayer by presenting our prayer acceptable before God

(5) The divine Plan of God is also our comfort. From eternity to eternity God's Purpose will be established.

Life Group Application Questions

- "Between our Exodus and our Promised Land there is a wilderness to navigate." what do you think about that truth?
- What are your feelings and thoughts on "the Holy Spirit's intercession for us in prayer." why should it be a comforting truth?
- Romans 8:28 is a "mantra" for tough times. What's an event in your life that you can now see clearly in the Rearview mirror?
- "Foreknew to glorified" why is that comfort in the wilderness?