# “The Secrets and Security of Being in God’s Family”

### Discovering the Righteousness of God—A study in the book of Romans

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# Romans 8:26-28 (ESV)

 **26**In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27**And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. **28**And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

## A “secret” that brings security to the believer is that . . .

**1) Our times of utter weakness arouse the Spirit’s help**

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps **us** in our weakness…

 “(Jesus said:) And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (parakletos: comforter/counselor), to be with you forever”

John 14:16

**2) Our groaning’s release the Spirit’s groaning of intercession. v. 26b**

 26…We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

 “*And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies”.* Romans 8:23

**3) The Spirit gets through the clutter in our hearts to reveal Gods will. v. 27**

27And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, be cause the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

**1 Corinthians 2:7-14 (ESV)**

7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
    nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

**4) God will work all things for our ultimate good no matter what. v. 28a**

 28And we know that in all things God works for the

 good…

**5) His call released in us a love from Him and for Him that mimic’s Christ’s. 28b**

 28 …of those who love Him, who have been called…

 *“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9This is how God showed His love among us:He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. 10This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* ***12****No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.* ***13****This is how we know that we live in Him & He in us: He has given us of His Spirit”...*

***1 John 4:7-13***

*“And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience….”****, Galatians 5:22***

**6) His purpose for us is to make us like Jesus - And He will keep at that transformation as long as we live**

 28…according to His purpose

“And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion…” Philippians 1:6