

Romans 8:26-29
"Pathway to Prayer"

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1. Introduction

- a. Power of prayer conduit of power of God
- b. Simple understanding
 - prayer is asking
- c. Prayer is Spirit directed asking
 - communication is talking
 - prayer matching Holy Spirit purposes.
- d. Three ways of Spirit led prayer

2. Paramount Guidance

- a. Praying the Scriptures
- b. Incapability of self
 - we don't know how to pray
 - Spirit also help in our weaknesses
 - Holy Spirit intercedes for us with groanings
- c. Jesus with Mary & Martha & Lazarus
 - Jn 11:5 Now Jesus loved them
 - Jn 11:35-36 How Jesus loved Lazarus,
 - Jn 11:43 Jesus, "Lazarus, come out."
- d. Intercession of the Spirit
 - Jesus raised Lazarus in God's power
 - * Jn 11:22 Martha, "I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

3. Promised Good

a. Confidence

- "we know", relying on God
- "all things work together for good."
- He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit

b. Comprehensiveness

- God the Father
- God the Son - the Mediator
- * 1 Tim 2:5 One Mediator between God and men - Man Christ Jesus

c. Collaboration

- the Spirit makes intercession for the saints

d. Conclusions

- Christian who loves God
- those who are the called
- according to God's purpose

4. Preeminent Goal

a. Distinct conditions

- Christian's action: those who love God

b. God's actions

- called according to God's purpose
- whom God foreknew
- whom God predestined
- ultimate goal of God
- * confirmed to the image of His Son

c. Designed conforming

- God's Son: that He might be the firstborn among many brethren
- * Col 1:15 firstborn over all creation
- * Col 1:18, Rev 1:5 firstborn from the dead
- Heb 12:23 general assembly & church, registered in heaven
- 1 Jn 3:2 we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him