

# THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

Rom. 8:26-28

Pt. 15

1. Prayer is simply believers thankfully communing with God about all that He has accomplished through His Son on the Cross as supernaturally revealed in Scripture, especially Paul's Epistles.  
  
--this is the only way God speaks to anyone today. We read the Scriptures rightly-divided—believe, reckon, present—the Holy Spirit takes what we read there reveals and teaches them to us, empowering us to walk in accord with them, and one aspect of this is prayer.
2. Of course, the corollary of this is that if we don't really care about God's things, and only care about our own things, then we will not be engaging in grace prayer.

God's Grace Truth	Grace Prayer	Religious Prayer
Complete forgiveness of all sins—past, present and future—in Christ.	Appreciating this and looking at Christ, we thank God for this, rejoice in it and talk to God about, which motivates us to forgive others.	Ignoring this truth, in despair and defeat we try to deal with our sins ourself, trying to confess them all and plead with God to forgive us.
We are in perfect relationship with God through Christ.	Appreciating this and looking at Christ, we rejoice, continually thanking God for peace with Him and continuing to access His riches.	Ignoring this truth and in looking at self, try to maintain or improve our relationship to God through our own works, resulting in O wretched man that I am.
Trials and tribulations are not a sign of God's displeasure.	Appreciating this and looking at Christ, we rejoice in them, allowing them to produce patience, experience and hope, during which time the Spirit overflows our hearts with Love.	Ignoring this truth, we despair and are defeated, questioning ourselves and God, trying to get God to do what He has said He's not doing today.
God's purpose for us is to display His Glory in the spiritual heavenly realm.	Appreciating this and looking at Christ, we rejoice in having everything we need to carry out this purpose—all spiritual blessings in heavenly places.	Ignoring this truth and looking at the self, replacing it with our own purpose, we plead for physical and material blessings, resulting in defeat and despair.

3. Pauline Grace prayer is produced by the Spirit and is what gives us the Father's desires that result in wisdom and motivation for making decisions in our daily lives.
  
4. Talking to God about the infinite forgiveness He has already given to us, produces in us the desire to share that forgiveness with others.
  - If we throw that away and replace it with something earned from God, then we won't freely give it to others but wait for them to earn it from us.

# THE FATHER'S ETERNAL PURPOSE FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST (8:28)

Redeemed Sonship Humanity:  
LED BY THE SPIRIT (8:14)

All this works  
according to the  
Father's  
Purpose and  
for good (8:28).

Redeemed  
Creation Freed  
From  
Corruption—  
Sin and Death  
(8:18, 19, 21  
Eph. 1:10)

Fallen Creation  
(8:18-22)

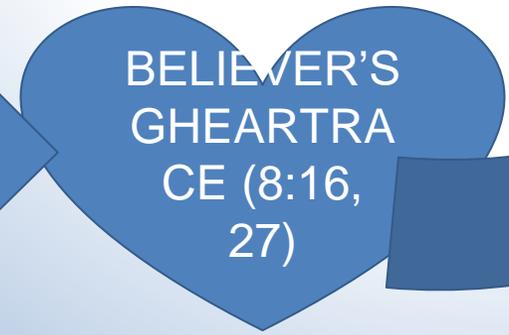
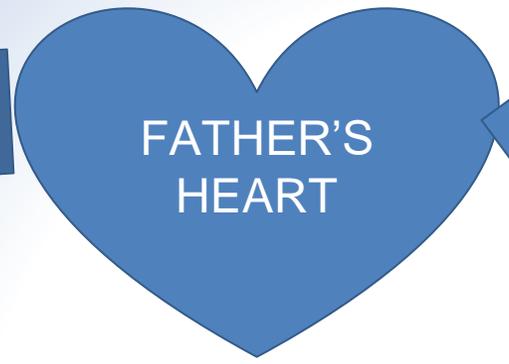
Groaning in  
Bondage to  
Corruption,  
sin and death  
(8:22)

The Spirit  
Bears  
Witness with  
Our

spirit bringing  
the Father's  
desires and  
motives  
(8:16-17).

Conforms us to  
the image of  
His Son (8:29)

Manifestation of  
the sons of God  
in Glory (8:18,  
19, 21)



5. Two choices we can make when it comes to every aspect of our Christian lives, including prayer:
  - a. Rom. 1:1-17—The Pattern of Paul and His ministry: Embracing God's truth in faith about His purpose for today that leads to Righteousness and Life (Rom. 6 and 8).
  - b. Rom. 1:18-32—The Pattern of Fallen Humanity: They threw away God's truth and replaced it with their own things (idolatry) unto sin and death (Rom. 6; 8:1-13).

5. The Perfect Grace Prayer and Life: Rom. 1:3-17
  - a. It comes from the resurrection life of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit (1:4, 13; Rom. 8)
  - b. It comes from a heart that is responding positively to Pauline Grace Mystery Truths (1:5-7, 9; 6:17).
  - c. It comes from a heart of appreciation and thankfulness for what God is doing today through Paul's apostleship (1:8; 8:14).
  - d. It comes from a heart overflowing with Agape Love—freely choosing God's will, not considering one's own things but the things of others to build up others in God's Truth for today (1:9-12; 5:5-8).

- e. It comes from the Spirit bearing witness with his Spirit in the Gospel of the Son (1:9; 8:16)
- f. Mode of prayer—unceasing groaning/longing (1:9, 11; 8:18-27).
- g. Content of prayer—Pauline Grace Truths--the spiritual gift only Paul can supply: the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Revelation of the Mystery (1:11; 16:25).
- h. Purpose of Prayer—to fulfill the will of God for today through Paul's apostleship (1:10; 8:27)
- i. All these things work for good to those who love God according to God's Purpose (1:12-17; 8:28)

If you are responding positively to God's truth for today, the Pauline Grace Teachings to which we have been handed over, your attention will be directed to Christ and His Cross, which provides the Agape Love that the Holy Spirit uses to create a new heart, which provides a place for the whole Triune Godhead to dwell and work .... When that is going on:

**YOU ARE ENGAGING IN UNCEASING SPIRITUAL PRAYER THAT EMPOWERS YOU TO MINISTER GOD'S GRACE AND PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TRIBULATIONS!**