

Intercession

The Spirit's Ministry to Believers · Pneumatology

The Holy Spirit helps our weakness in prayer. We do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groanings that cannot be uttered. He who searches hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, for the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to God's will. This means our prayers, even when feeble and confused, are transformed by the Spirit into perfect petitions aligned with God's purposes. We have two intercessors: Christ at God's right hand and the Spirit within our hearts. We never pray alone.

Key Verses

Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Jude 20

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

Zechariah 12:10

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications.

Romans 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

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