

Previous Outline: Romans 8:18-30

1A SUFFERING LEADING TO GLORY, vv18

Our present suffering as God's children leads to a greater, future glory in Christ

2A BONDAGE LEADING TO LIBERTY, vv19-22

Our present bondage as God's children leads to a greater, future liberty in Christ

3A PROGRESS LEADING TO PERFECTION, vv23-25

Our present sanctification as God's children leads to a complete, future sanctification in Christ

TODAY'S OUTLINE (4A, 1B)

4A PURPOSE LEADING TO FULFILLMENT, vv26-30

God's purpose for His children, saved by sovereign grace, is to perfect & glorify them in Christ

1B Our weaknesses overcome by the Spirit's continual intercession, vv26-27

2B The Lord making all things work together for our good, v28

3B God's eternal purpose for His regenerate children described, v29

4B God's eternal purpose evidenced in His redemptive actions in time, v30

1B Our weaknesses overcome by the Spirit's continual intercession, vv26-27

"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses..." v26a

(1) "Likewise." v26a

- Creation groans, v22
- We groan, v23
- The Spirit groans, v26

(2) "Weaknesses." v26a

- Examples of this word in the gospels
- Physical weaknesses
- Spiritual weaknesses
- Humbling weaknesses

(3) "For we do not know..." v26b

- At times, we lack understanding
- What *should* we pray for?

(4) "but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us..." v27

- Great comfort in the Spirit
- God's goal for us
- The assurance we have because of God's work

God's Spirit *groans* for us. God's Spirit *prays* for us. God's Spirit *works* in us - for us & for others.