

ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Before we were born in the time realm and became a living soul, God called us, ordaining the time and place we were born, he justified us, and glorified us. He did this all before we were even born.

God drew us to himself, we didn't decide, well I think today is a good day to get saved, God invaded our lives, we didn't choose Him, He choice us and drew us to Himself in such an amazing way that we responded to His Lordship over our lives.

The moment in time we said an unconditional yes to His lordship our spirit came alive to God and we experienced Him inside of us. What we didn't realize was that without Him we couldn't do anything.

So through our missing the mark and falling short of His glory, we began to learn how to totally depend upon Him, where His Spirit would begin to flow into us, causing us to respond and move in Him.

We began to learn how to walk in the living works, where God would anoint us, giving us Spirit filled words and actions bringing glory to Him.

We begin to learn how to speak in the spirit, instead of speaking from ourselves. Instead of speaking from our flesh

(our soul and body acting independently from God) we experience God giving us the words to speak.

We learn how to partner with God, becoming co-laborers with Him. As we find ourselves in situations and circumstances we ask the Lord who He wants to become to us and in us and we find the attributes of God working in us. He works His love and joy and peace and all the attributes of His Spirit in us and we become partakers of the divine nature in the things that we do and say.

When we find ourselves agitated, we pause and learn how to step back into our spirit and move in God. We learn how to be slow to speak, and we start living by every word of God, every word the Holy Spirit reveals to us. We become a living epistle of Jesus Christ.

We find our steps being ordered of the Lord, and He uses every single situation and circumstance to work out for our good, which means through them we are being conformed to His image.

We begin to rejoice in trouble, because through it we learn how to partake of His provision and experience the life flow of His Spirit in us. We move from grace to grace, faith to faith, strength to strength, glory to glory, we experience more and more of His Spirit in our lives, it is truly amazing, because we are literally being transformed in our experiences.

By one sacrifice He has perfected forever (past tense) those who are being sanctified (present tense-the process of being set apart exclusively to him) - The Holy Spirit moving in us and our yielding to Him and then acting or moving in Him, our obedience is a participating in the divine nature.

Romans 8: ²⁸And we know (occurring now, perceive) *that all things* (the totality or the whole) *work together* (occurring now, to work together to contribute to an end or a goal) *for good* (in respect to operation or influence) *to them that love* (continuous action, to value-indicating a direction of the will, and finding one's joy in developing a relationship with, desiring to please Him) *God, to them who are the called* (appointed, invited) *according* (the object toward which something aims) *to his purpose* (determined plan). ²⁹*For whom he did foreknow* (to know beforehand, to understand completely), *he also did predestinate* (to predetermine, decide beforehand, in the NT of God decreeing from eternity, to foreordain, appoint beforehand) *to be conformed* (together with-to form, to bring into harmony or agreement having the same identity) *to the image* (more than a likeness-the essential and substantial form, the perfect expression and representation) *of his Son* (full grown), *that he might be the firstborn* (preeminent prototype) *among* (of those with whom someone is in near connection, intimate union, oneness of heart mind and purpose) *many brethren* (a fellowship of life based on identity of origin).

³⁰*Moreover* (furthermore, likewise) *whom he did predestinate* (to predetermine, decide beforehand), *them he also called* (specific point in the past, "to call," often means "to bid," in the sense of "invite): *and whom he called, them he also justified* (specific point in the past, to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be): *and whom he justified, them he also glorified* (specific point in the past, to impart glory to something, The spirit of God dwelling intimately in our spirit, soul and body-every part of us alive with His eternal life). ³¹*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

We begin to discern and learn how to pray with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8: ²⁶Likewise (in like manner) *the Spirit also helpeth* (occurring now, middle tense-The Holy Spirit moving in us-we yield to it by acting on it, to words in the Greek 1-together with 2- to support, help. to take hold of with someone; to support, help, aid, to lend a hand together with, at the same time with one, the Holy Spirit taking hold at our side at the very time of our weakness ,help in obtaining) *our infirmities*:(weakness, lack of strength and capacity requisite, that which is required-or courage to bear trials or troubles, lack of understanding or wisdom, feebleness, imperfection, frailty, weakness of resolution; liableness to be deceived or seduced)

for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself (of his own, himself) maketh intercession (occurring now, mediation for divine objective) for (in behalf of, for the sake of, in the sense of protection, care, favor, benefit) us with groanings (the Spirit's identification with the believers he indwells, prayers to God expressed inarticulately- Not uttered with articulation or intelligible distinctness, as speech or words., an inward sighing, moaning sound in breathing) which cannot be uttered (describing groanings which are not capable being adequately expressed in words, too deep for words)²⁷ 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.

As our awareness of God inside us increases we learn how to enter into His rest, and become yoked to the Lord. And His yoke is easy and his burden light, because we share the yoke with Him.

The reason we struggle so in life, is because our awareness of the Lord has not yet increased to the point where we are continually filled with the Spirit so that our life is a flow in the Spirit, where we learn how to live in Him. It is a life of abiding in the lord, where His Spirit is enabled to live through us.