

THE SPIRIT: Intercessor

As preached on Sunday, March 20th

Read: Romans 8:22-27

1. In v.26 we're told that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness". What might our weakness(es) be? Does the text name any specific weakness?
2. We're told that though we don't know what we ought to pray for the Spirit himself intercedes for us. What is intercession?
3. How, specifically, does the Spirit intercede for us, according to v.26? What does this mean?
4. In v.27 we're told, "And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit..." Who does the "he" refer to? Why is this significant?
5. What does it mean when v.27 states that "the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God"?
6. Take a moment to read John 15:1-8. What, if any, connection is there between abiding in Christ and the Spirit's role as intercessor on our behalf?
7. If the Spirit is the one who faithfully lifts our prayers before God, what is our role in all of this?