What God has done for the Believer – Rom. 8:26

Focal Truth: God gives the Holy Spirit to believers to help us in our weaknesses

Observations

1. **God the Holy Spirit gives hope to the believer in our present sufferings – 8:18**

8:18 - I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us

8:23 – even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body

In this world we groan:

Physical weakness

Emotional weakness

Temptations

Worldly sufferings

Failures

Loss

In this world we groan but hopefully expectantly wait – there is confidence in God in our groaning!

8:24 – 25 - for in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope…if we hope for what we do not see we wait eagerly for it

1. **God the Holy Spirit helps us in our weaknesses – 8:26**

*In the same way the Spirit also helps our weaknesses*

**Our Weaknesses cause us to groan**

Weaknesses in faith

Weaknesses in fear

Weaknesses in despair

Weaknesses in strength

**The Holy Spirit joins us in our weaknesses**

Helps = to take hold with another

1. **God the Holy Spirit prays for us when we don’t know what to pray - 8:26**

*For we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words*

1. The groanings of the Holy Spirit express to God our weaknesses & needs
2. God hears the groanings of the Holy Spirit praying for us because He prays in the will of God for our weakness

8:27 – He who searches the hearts know what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God