

# Overcoming Weaknesses

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## **Rom 8:24-32**

<sup>24</sup> For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

<sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup> For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

<sup>30</sup> Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

<sup>32</sup> He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

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- Every day that I read, search out, and study the Holy Scriptures, I find more and more reasons to praise God.
- God is so awesome and wonderful; His life and care for the saints are immeasurable. He has made it very doable for us to live a saved and victorious life.
- There are so many advantages that He has provided for our success until we are without excuse for not being able to make it.
- Even as Paul stated in verses 31 and 32 of the text, we are speechless and overwhelmed at the love and care of God towards us. And with God working on our behalf, we are filled with hope and joy.
- God went as far as not sparing the life of His only begotten Son, but freely offering Him as a sacrifice for our sins, to redeem us back to Himself.
- And, as a result of our salvation, the Lord provides for the believer a gift, called the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, which is the promise of the Father which is given to the believers that ask for it.
- This Baptism is an essential part of our salvation. It is expressed in the life of the believer as they relinquish the full control of their life to the workings of the Spirit.
- Yes, you may be saved without the Baptism, but life is so much better and easier with the Spirit of God in your life, giving you victory that only comes as a result of Him operating in your heart.
- So, today, I want to help you to see one of the greatest benefits that is provided for the church through the working and ministry of the Holy Ghost.
- Our text starts by stating that we are saved by hope. Hope is the anticipation and expectation that is derived by having faith.

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Everything that a believer receives from God is obtained by his faith in God.

- Therefore, in our lives is a pattern of confidence and hope developed from a track record of God's continued faithfulness being expressed over our past. This is referred to as our testimony; our testimony is our own evidence of God working in our favor.
- Notice, as verse 26 starts, Paul uses the word likewise. That is, in similar manner of the previous statement of verses 24 and 25, the Holy Ghost helps our weaknesses, another word for infirmities.
- He does not strengthen our weaknesses, but He helps us to overcome and to become strong in the area where we are weak.
- It is a true statement that trials and tribulations come to make us strong. They are due to the God and the enemy of our soul exploiting the areas in our individual life where there is spiritual deficit.
- The Spirit of God is He which searches our hearts and relays what He finds to spiritual discipline.
- Most people live in denial of their spiritual weaknesses and usually do not honestly pray to have them strengthened. Usually, our prayers for our weaknesses is not to be strengthened in those areas, but to be pacified and my needs being met without dealing sincerely where we are weak.
- It usually hurts and is embarrassing and humiliating, having our weaknesses exposed. But, until they are exposed, they will never be honestly dealt with.
- That's why the word of God is confrontational. Paul writes in **Heb 4:12-13**, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of

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the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." The word exposes your weaknesses so that they may be dealt with and overcome.

- John states that this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. It's our faith in God and obedience to the Holy Ghost that allows His works to restore us to our rightful place of holiness.
- So, our lesson text tells us that the Spirit helps our infirmities through the activity of prayerful intercession.
- He searches our hearts and exposes the weaknesses in such a fashion to deal with them, not to embarrass and hinder you with them. That is what the enemy of your soul likes to do.
- Every time a weakness manifests itself is a primetime for you to allow the Spirit of God to deal with it. No matter where you are or what you are doing, allow Him to work on it right then.
- Some things you cannot deal with until they come out in the open. Just like some issues that you may have; you only are made aware of them when they come out and are exposed.
- Then, you must submit to the intercession of the Holy Spirit to help you to overcome. Yes, this is the perfect time for a prayer meeting; you don't have to wait until you get to church, or until you can call the pastor or your prayer partner, or you don't have to wait until the next revival. Allow the Spirit of God to go to working in your life by Him making intercession for you with groaning that cannot be uttered.
- Only the Spirit of God knows how to pray for you what needs to be prayed and how it is to be prayed.
- Just think, if we don't know how to pray for what we need to pray for, how can we expect to know how to apply the remedy properly, when we can't even recognize the honest root of our problem?

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- For example, we may be praying, 'Lord, help me to love my brother.' When we really should be praying, 'Lord, I forgive my father from the hurt of my past.'
- Therefore, as the Spirit unction us in prayer, we are to yield to His moving and pray according to what He directs.
- Since He knows the mind of God and has direct access to the Father, He is fully aware of God's will for our life. Therefore, His prayers for us are never contrary to what God has predetermined and ordained for our life.
- Sometimes He does not allow us to get some things that we think are crucial and necessary, for they may not be for our best future interests.
- We may love those things now, but they may not fit properly in my plans for success. Therefore, we understand that He does not just deal with our now, but He is also working to bring us to our future f what God has designed for us.
- The Book of Isaiah declares that God declares the ending from the beginning. He knows what His intent and purpose is for us, therefore He works everything for our good to help us to obtain that which He has determined for us.
- So, in closing, allow the Spirit of God to remove from your life the things that are not expedient for your future.
- He has called you to be glorified in Him. He wants the saints to be manifested and magnified gloriously in this world. He stated that we are the light of the world, a city set upon a hill, a candle on the candle stand.
- He wants us to be glorified, not for our weaknesses, but in our weaknesses as overcomers. We are more than conquerors through Him that loves us.
- So, what shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who or what can be against us?