

The Holy Spirit Identity that Groans Within

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The Identity we have as the Holy Spirit works on our behalf...

Romans 8:26-27

Paul speaks of creation as groaning as in childbirth

Romans 8:22

We, the redeemed, groan inwardly as we eagerly wait for the redemption of our bodies

Romans 8:23

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

Life is complicated and has its problems no matter who we are

The Spirit helps us in our weakness even when we don't know how to pray

Even as redeemed children of God we still deal with the weakness of living in the world surrounded by sin and evil.

The enemy is out to do everything he can to weaken and destroy the testimony and life of a believer

How do we interpret this passage?

- The Pentecostal perspective describes the groaning as the Holy Spirit praying through the believer in a Spirit-inspired prayer language
- And then there's the other perspective that this groaning has nothing to do with speaking in a prayer language.

Bible commentary:

Speaking in Tongues is a supernatural expression of God's Spirit. It is a Holy Spirit-inspired way of speaking, praying, or praising God by which a "born-again" Christ follower speaks in a language they have never learned or understood. It is a means of direct communication to God the Father through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that only the Godhead understands.

WHY TONGUES?

Go back to creation when God created Adam and Eve in the Garden

- They didn't need the Holy Spirit to be an intercessor for them

- But when sin entered in the equation – that direct face-to-face interaction between God and man ended

What about Jesus – did he speak in tongues?

Remember what we said in the last couple of weeks:

- The natural born Identity we have is sinful, and we need an identity change
- And even in a redeemed Born-again Identity, we are still limited by the flesh until the day we receive our heavenly eternal body
- Therefore, as long as we are in our flesh and blood bodies, our ability to pray in the spirit in a Heavenly prayer language is the closest we can come in this world to that personal face-to-face conversation with God

Only a person who is already a born-again believer can experience this supernatural language.

The moment of Disciples' salvation was their 1st Holy Spirit experience

John 20:19-22

John 3:5-6

John 16:7

Luke 24:49

The 2nd encounter is Baptism in the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4

There are two – definitive and separate works of the Holy Spirit

- One to convict, lead, and bring a person to salvation
- The 2nd experience is to empower them with a personal Heavenly Prayer language and for boldness to be a witness

Romans 8:26-30 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God

Philippians 1:6

1 Corinthians 14:15