

# *Living Life...In The Spirit*

Part 3

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4 more certainties we experience as believers:

## 1. New Hope

**Romans 8:18-19** Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. <sup>19</sup> For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are.

## 2. New Prayer Helper

**Romans 8:26-27** And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. <sup>27</sup> And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.

*The Holy Spirit...*

*...Guides Us*

**John 14:16, John 14:26, John 16:13**

*...Empowers Us*

**Acts 1:8, Acts 2:4, 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Ephesians 3:16**

*...Lives in Us*

**Romans 8:26, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Galatians 4:6, Ephesians 1:13-14**

## 3. New Purpose

**Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

## 4. New Goal

**Romans 8:29-30** For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

God is for us!

**Romans 8:31-34** What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Can anything separate us?

**Romans 8:35-37** Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

**Romans 8:38-39** And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*"Salvation is a love story.*

*We love Him because He first loved us.*

*Nothing can separate us from that.*

*We entered this chapter with no condemnation;*

*we conclude with it with no separation;*

*and in between all things work together for good."*

J. Vernon McGee

