

Privileged to Serve

Speaker TBA
 Announcements/Prayer..... Randy Rives
 Song Leader..... Andy Duncan
 Attendance..... Terry Dyer/Jacob King

Morning

Scripture/Opening Prayer Tom Fair
 Lord's Supper

Presiding

* Byron Madison

Assisting

Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King
 Al St. Clair * * Dick Vinson

Closing Prayer.....Charles Dooley

Evening

Opening PrayerRandy Rives

Lord's Supper

Ralph Hubbard * * Jacob King

Closing Prayer..... Rob Warren

Communion Preparation

Month of May..... King Family

Month of JuneBrandie Madison

Nursery Attendant; Backup

May 19 Angela Duncan; Lara King

May 26Glenda Rives; Brandie Madison

Wednesday Evening - May 22, 2019

Prayer/Announcements..... Randy Rives

Song Leader..... Tom Fair

Devotional.....Byron Madison

Service Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship..... 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.

Elders

ANDY DUNCAN (662) 416-2222

TOM FAIR (601) 681-8293

Deacons

LAMAR KING (601) 604-2656

BUILDING/GROUNDS

BYRON MADISON..... (601) 227-1374

YOUTH

RANDY RIVES..... (601) 513-4785

EDUCATION & WORSHIP

ALBERT ST. CLAIR (601) 626-7815

Works Supported

Robert Martin

Stacey Ferguson

South Pacific Missions

Pine Vale Children's Home

Corinth, Mississippi

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Bible Class 27

Sunday Morning Worship 51

Sunday Evening Worship 26

Wednesday Bible Study 20

Contributions & Other Income

Contribution Last Week \$ 2,446.00

Daily Bible Readers

May 12, 2019 * = *% of attending

*Figures Unavailable



May 19, 2019 *Meridian Messenger* Welcome Visitors!

The Holy Spirit in Romans ~ Part 4 of 4 ~

The Holy Spirit produces hope (**Romans 8:18-25**). It is important to notice “*the sufferings of this present time*” (**Romans 8:18**). The suffering of Christians in a world that does not recognize Christ is one of the conditions for inheritance of future glory with Him. This is in agreement with the fact that the Holy Spirit is essential to ultimate glory. This hope can be seen in many different ways. Christians will suffer persecution (**II Timothy 3:12**) but are urged to remain faithful (**Revelation 2:10**). The Holy Spirit guides through prayer, study, and also through the written word. These are all aspects of that great hope.

The hope of eternal life with God is the hope that is mentioned here (**Romans 8:24-25**). Faith appears with faith and love as Paul’s three fundamental principles of the Christian life (**I Corinthians 13:13**). So by having the Spirit of God, Christians gain hope in two ways. They gain the hope that they can inherit eternal life and they gain the hope that they can get through trials and temptations.

The Holy Spirit helps in prayer (**Romans 8:26-27**). The Spirit makes intercession for a person when they pray (**Romans 8:27, Jude 20**). This is a promise from God to help Christians pray more effectively. The Spirit intercedes for them as they pray, according to the will of God. Jesus Himself submits to this will (**Luke 22:42**), and Christians too must be committed to the Lord and His will.

One reason for the great hope mentioned in **Romans 8:18-25** is that Jesus is our Mediator (**I Timothy 2:5**) and the Holy Spirit is our Intercessor (**Romans 8:26-27**). The Spirit is called a “Helper,” because of His nature (**John 15:26**). He helps with the prayers of a Christian and, therefore, makes them more effective. So His name fits His work. Other translations call Him a Comforter, and this is obviously true as well. He is indeed the great Comforter and Helper.

The Holy Spirit is essential to ultimate good (**Romans 8:28-30**). God causes all things to work for spiritual good and ultimate salvation. This can only come to those who respond to Him in love and obedience. Therefore, one must obey the gospel plan of salvation. All those “*called according to His purpose*” basically means all people (**Romans 8:28**). All people can receive this calling, even the Gentiles (**Ephesians 3:1-7, John 3:16, Romans 1:16**). Those who respond in obedience to His will become His people. Christians can be confident that nothing can hurt God’s people so deeply that God cannot turn it around for their own good. This is the reason for the confidence mentioned in **Romans 8:28**, as it can be seen in **Romans 8:29-30**. ~continued inside~

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