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Romans 8:18-30

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ 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.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Praying in the Spirit means praying God's will!

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Jude 20

²⁰ But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

What does "praying in the Spirit" mean?

It means allowing ourselves to be filled with the Spirit.

We are emptied by being filled.

Ephesians 5:18

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

Plerousthe: (Greek)

Present imperative verb meaning "constantly being filled, or keep being filled"



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We can't be in our heads and in God's presence at the same time.

Ezekiel 36:25-28

²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. ²⁸ Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

God will fill us with His Spirit when we empty ourselves and ask.

As God fills us, we become who we were created to be!

Ezekiel 36:25-28 Paraphrased:

"I will fill you up with My Living Water, flushing out the impurities, shame, fear, and other things that are holding you back. As I fill you, your cold and hardened heart will give way to a new heart that is living and vibrant, the real heart I originally gave you. I will fill you with My Spirit and you will be empowered to live by My Words of life. You will thrive as I intended. You will be mine and I will be yours."

"I believe firmly that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride and selfishness and ambition and everything that is contrary to God's law, the Holy Spirit will fill every corner of our hearts. But if we are full of pride and conceit and ambition and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. We must be emptied before we can be filled."

DL Moody

We allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us in a language we don't understand.

"May not a single moment of my life be spent outside the light, love and joy of God's presence and not a moment without the entire surrender of myself as a vessel for Him to fill full of His Spirit and His love."

Andrew Murray.

John 8:32

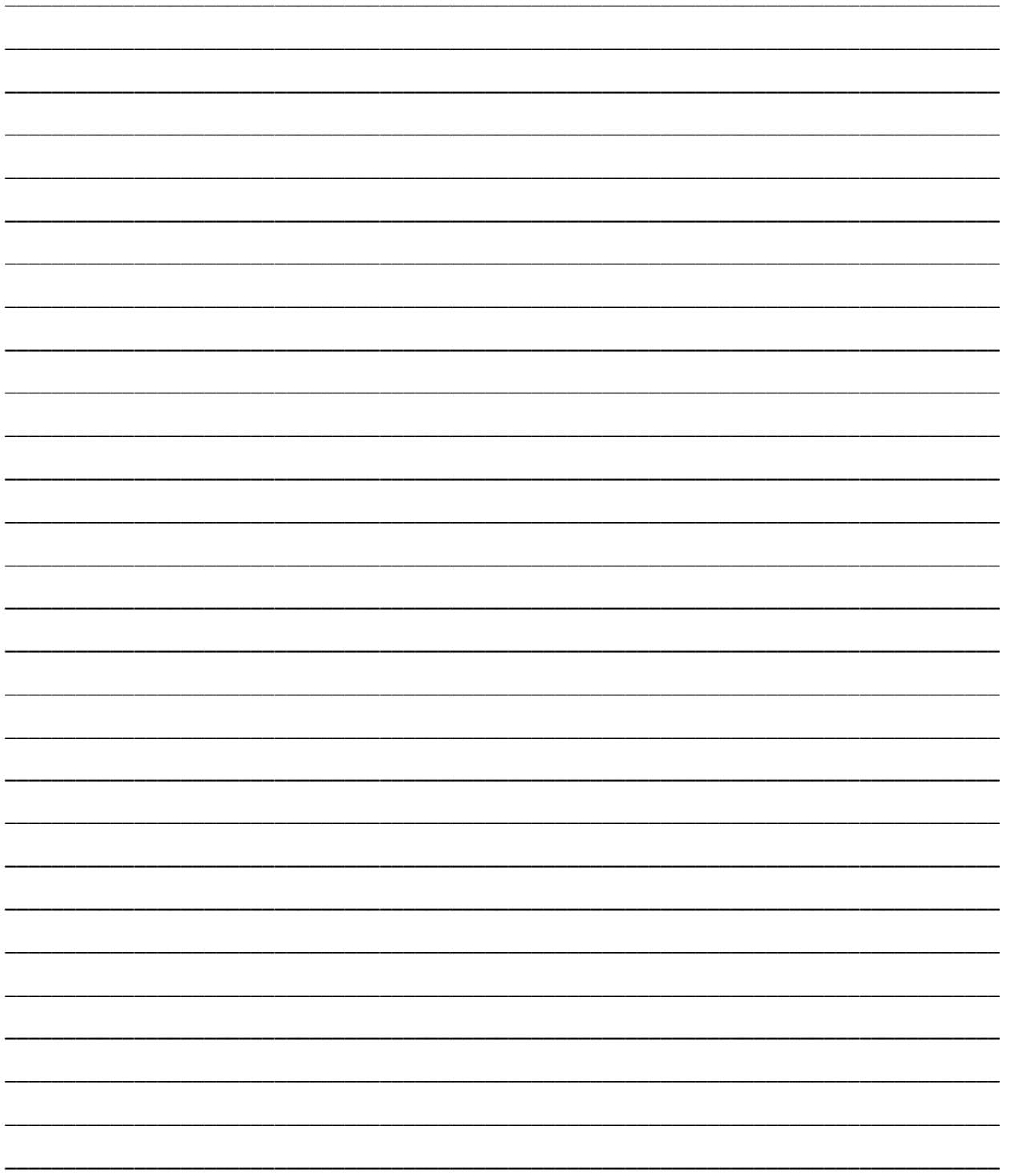
³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

"Knowing" happens when information becomes transformation.



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