



UNSHAKEABLE

Romans 8

Spirit-Assisted Praying

When Words Fail Us

Romans 8:26-27



God is praying to God for you.

Christ in Heaven

Interceding for our spiritual protection
against sin.

The Spirit Within

Interceding for what is God's supreme
best for us in suffering.

The framework of our groaning.

Creation's Groan	The Believer's Groan
State: Futility and frustration. Result: Despair under the curse. Evidence: Longing for Deliverance	State: Longing and anticipation. Result: Confident expectation of arriving glory. Evidence: Crying out "Come, O Lord!" and "Come, Lord Jesus!"

The **Holy Spirit** is the down payment of this future glory.



WHAT is the Spirit doing?

Helping us in our weakness.

The Greek term *sunantilambanetai* evokes someone coming alongside a person carrying a crushingly heavy load to bear it with them.

WHO is He doing it for? The Saints.



Those who are no longer
under condemnation
(Romans 8:1).

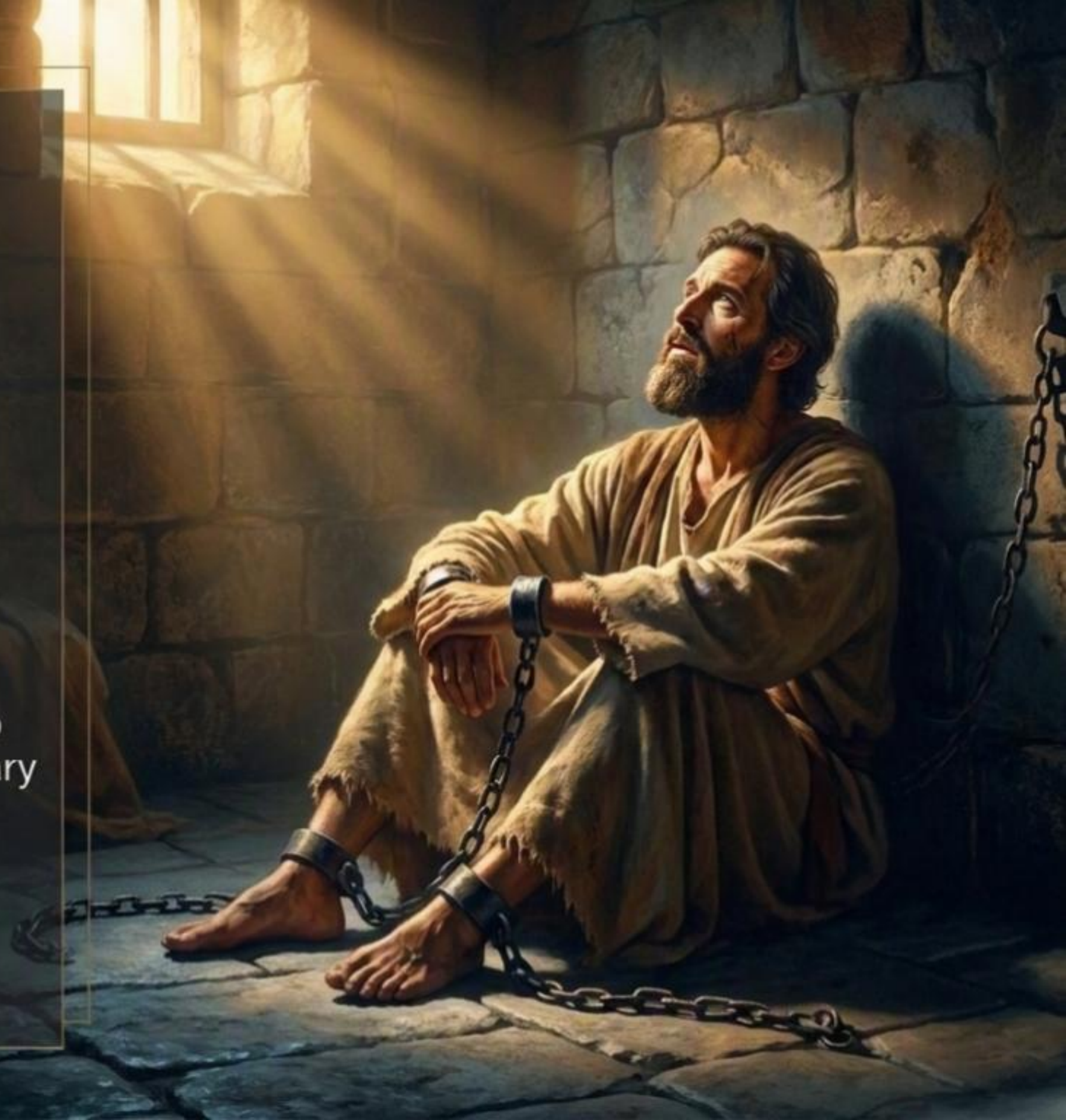
Those who have tasted
the firstfruits of the Holy
Spirit in their inner man.

Those who yearn for the
freedom of glorification.

WHY is He doing it?

Because we do not know the what to pray for.

Our problem is not that we don't know how to pray, but that we do not know what is necessary when facing excruciating circumstances.



HOW is He doing it?

By translating our unutterable groanings.



1

He joins us in our deepest, wordless pain.

2

He brings our longings to the Father, who searches all hearts.

3

He actively brings our groanings into perfect alignment with the good and beneficial standard of God's will.

WHY is this important?

It elevates us from immature demands to mature surrender.

	External Map	Internal Guide
The Guidance	The Word of God Reveals the clear will of God	The Holy Spirit Navigates the unrevealed will of God
The Posture of Prayer	Immature Praying Insists on our own will through demanding prayer.	Mature Praying Trusts the Spirit's praying to secure God's ultimate glory.

Real-Life Triumphant Endurance

**Your
Sanctification**

(Paul's Thorn)

**The Good of
the Church**

(Paul's Chains)

**Bringing Many
to Glory**

(Jesus' Cup)

Are you willing to let the Holy Spirit intercede for you this way?