



THE SPIRIT
AND
HIS WORK

The Spirit and Prayer

Romans 8:14-30

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.



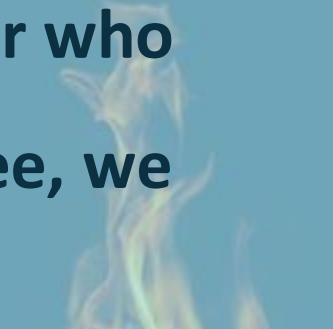
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¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.



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²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



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²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.



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²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.



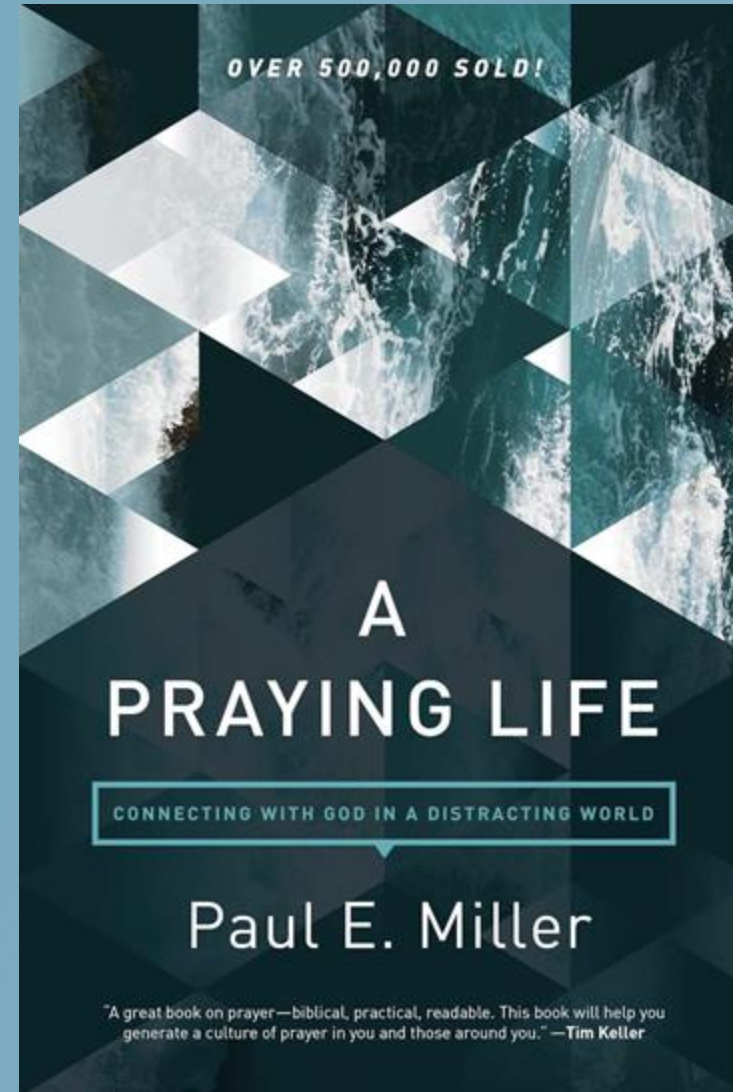
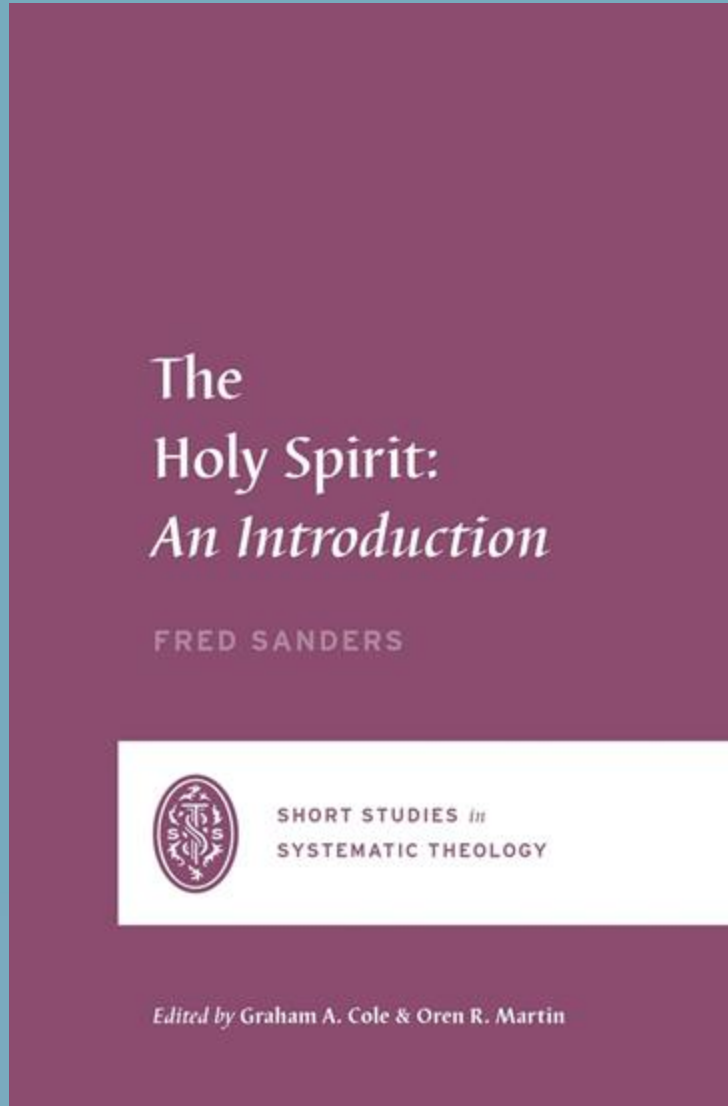
Outline

As we pray:

- 1. The Spirit conforms us into the image of Jesus
(8:27-30)**
- 2. The Spirit assures us that we are beloved children
(8:14-17a)**
- 3. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and suffering
(8:17b-26)**



Two helpful books





1. The Spirit conforms us into the image of Jesus

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Develop an eye for your Father's story

- Prayer journaling
 - “How am I doing? What is coming at me? Am I happy, sad, thankful, discouraged, angry, frustrated?”
 - “What is God saying to me? What does the Word say?”



2. The Spirit assures us that we are beloved children

Romans 8:14-17a

The
Holy Spirit:
An Introduction

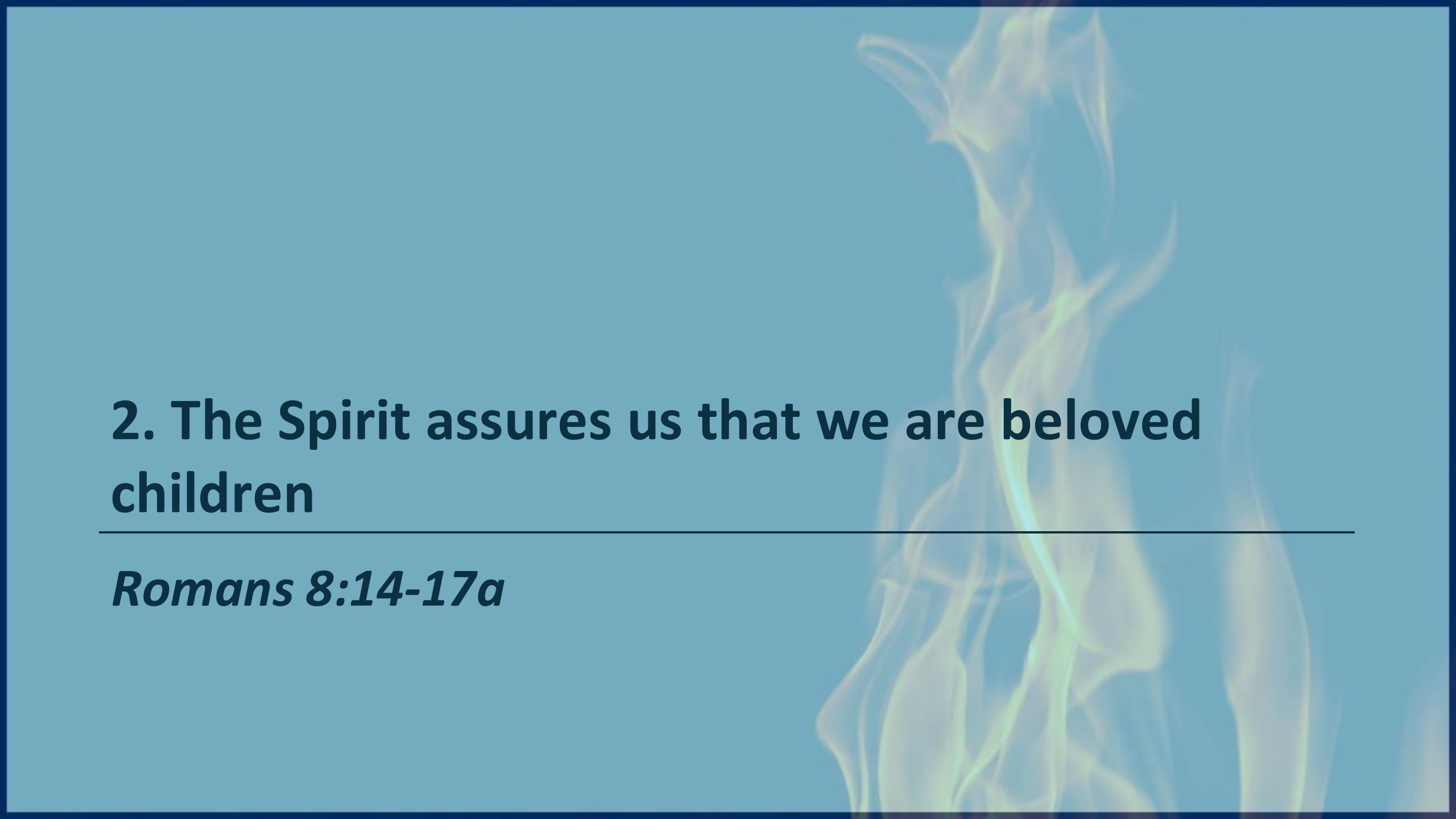
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SHORT STUDIES *iii*
SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

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When the Father sends his Spirit into us, the cry "Abba" sounds forth from our innermost depths as a human word spoken from our deepest hearts and simultaneously as the same word from the heart of God. That is how deeply the Holy Spirit dwells within the redeemed...The one who is in God by his eternal nature is also in us by Grace.



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3. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and suffering

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Luke 24:26 – Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”

Phil. 3:10 – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

2 Cor. 4:11 – For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.



3. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and suffering

2 Cor. 4:17 – For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

1 Peter 4:12 – Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.



3. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and suffering

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