

Romans 8:26 – 30 *In the same way the Spirit aids us in our weakness; for we do not even know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit pleads for us in depths inarticulate to words. He who searches our hearts, knows what the **mind** of the Spirit and he **intercedes** for the holy people according to the will of God. We know that in everything God works together for good **with those** who love him, who are called **according to his purpose**. Those whom he foreknew he has also **preordained to be formed into the image of his Son**, so that he might be the first-born of a great brotherhood. Those whom he preordained he also called; and those whom he called, he also vindicated, and those who are made right he has glorified.*

1. intercedes - **συναντιλαμβάνεται** verb indicative present middle 3rd person
 - a. **συναντιλαμβάνομαι** help, come to the aid of
 - b. together – joint endeavor
 2. mind - **φρόνημα, ατος, τό** aim, aspiration, striving Ro 8:6f, 27.
 3. **ἐντυγχάνω** approach, appeal, plead
 4. **συνεργέω** *work (together) with, cooperate (with), help* Mk 16:20; 1 Cor 16:16; 2 Cor 6:1; Js 2:22.
 5. **πρόθεσιν κλητοῖς οὓσιν** (Rom 8:28 BGT)
 - a. The final word has to do with the nature of one's existence
 - b. The first word **-πρόθεσις** - *plan, purpose, resolve, will* Ac 11:23; 27:13; Ro 8:28; 9:11; Eph 1:11; 3:11; 2 Ti 1:9; 3:10.
 6. The called-out ones – in God's design for his goals: **κλητοῖς**
 7. All verbs of the final statement are aorist – past tense – already accomplished.
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8. The Kingdom
 - a. Mark 1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel
 - i. The fulness of time
 - ii. The kingdom – the realm – the reign - **βασιλεία τοῦ θεοῦ**
 - b. *He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it?"* (Luk 13:18 RSV)
 - i. Luke 17:20-21 *Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is in you."*
 - ii. Romans 14:17 *The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval.*
Matthew 6:10 *Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*
 9. We know that for all of those who love God (those who have been called to his purpose) God actively aids to he re-formed into being like Jesus.