

Rightly Divided Prayer - 2020

These notes go back to 2003, 2005, 2009 and now 2020.

How DO We Pray

Now That We Look to the Teachings of the Risen Saviour?

- One of the still most often heard concerns after folks start rightly dividing through Paul's Epistles is "*How do I pray now?*"
 - Are you saying I am not saved is one of the big questions!
 - Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
 - Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace?
- When they learn that the Spirit maketh intercession for us, then they wonder why should they even pray in the first place.
 - **Romans 8:26** - *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

Now we actually see and realize the truth that...

- ... much of our former Great Commission designed prayer belief and expectations do not fit the teachings of the Risen Saviour...
 - the earthly Jesus taught the apostles how to pray during the Gospels and during the Great Commission as led by Peter to the circumcision - Jews.
- ... our prayers then could possibly have been considered profane and vain
 - because we were praying in a manner that was not consistently rightly divided,...
 - thus, we had our expectations for answered prayer that never came true.
 - It all became to seem so unreal - fake - dead!
 - Then we had to pretend 'with our own faith' even though we thought God wasn't hearing us - or that we were doing something 'so' wrong that He refused to answer our prayer!
 - We played the 'power in prayer' game; sought power of prayer through groups and prayer chains, etc.
 - We must have been thinking deep down that we could buy off God through prayer – at least maybe we could change His mind through our goodness and elaborate prayers, etc.
 - Reminds me of Simon when he thought *because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money*, only in this case, the acceptance and love of God could be purchased with prayer skill.

Today, we can truly SEE!

- We can see that our prayer was all part of the folly of the religion that we had been taught...
 - and were so willing to learn.
- We can see that some of our so-called answer to prayer was that we simply either had the money to buy what we needed
 - - or we used the credit card, etc. to make the purchase - to 'fulfill' our 'need,' anyway.
- We can see the preachings on prayer that are heard from pulpits and preachers / authors, etc. across the nation / world are phony and guilt-ridden pretend prayers.
 - Let us remind ourselves how to spot the phony prayer preachings by understanding rightly dividing the word of truth! These are NOT to us today - these are to the Jews in the gospels!
 - **Matthew 21:13** - house of prayer – not today!
 - **Matthew 21:22** - believe and ye shall receive – not today!
 - **Matthew 6:9** - Lords' Prayer repeated over and over – not today!
 - **Matthew 23:14** - greater damnation - pretense make long prayer – not today!
 - **Mark 9:29** - by nothing, but by prayer and fasting – not today!
 - **Luke 6:12** - all night prayer power meetings – not today!
 - **Acts 1:14; 2:42** - unity brought about by prayer – not today!
 - **John 16:26** - asking in his name by saying 'in your name,' etc. – not today!
 - **Hebrews 13:7** - following the rule of your pastor 'over you' – not today!
 - **Hebrews 13:17** - submitting yourself to your pastor's final rule – not today!
 - **James 5:14** - healed, anointing – not today!
 - **James 5:15** - prayer of faith save the sick – not today!
 - **James 5:16** - confessing faults – healing – not today!
 - **I Peter 3:7** - prayers hindered by being out of sorts with your wife – not today!
 - **I Peter 3:12** - answered prayer based upon your own righteous – not today!
 - **I Peter 4:7** - pray because the end of all things is at hand – not today!
- We can see that some of our answered prayer could even have been answered by the devil!
 - ...as he is the god of this world.
 - God allows things to take place without his chastisement or guidance... unless, of course, His direction to our lives was found in studying the rightly divided Scriptures.
 - The physical blessings and physical answers we thought to be prayers answered even could be the devil to steer folks away from the truth and towards his miracles, signs and wonders that are becoming more and more prevalent as we near the Tribulation.
- We can see that our prayer life should 'grow up' as we 'grow up' spiritually!
 - **I Corinthians 13:11** - *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*
 - **Ephesians 4:14** - *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

- We can see why we should still pray even though **Romans 8:26** says what it says.
 - Paul tells us to!
 - **Romans 12:12** - *Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;*
 - **Philippians 4:6** - *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*
 - **Colossians 4:2** - *Continue in prayer,*
 - **II Thessalonians 3:1** - *Finally, brethren, pray for us, ...*
 - **I Timothy 2:8** - *I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*
- We can see how often Paul prayed for people!
 - for those who would listen and be willing to change their lives to serve the living God now - to be turned from darkness to light, to turn from the power of Satan unto God and to support Paul and his helpers; kinsman, fellow-prisoners - see **Romans 16**.
 - *I make mention of you always in my prayers!*
 - *I thank my God always on your behalf!*
 - *Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers!*
 - *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy,*
 - *We do not cease to pray for you!*
 - *I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;*
 - *I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers.*
- We can see how you should pray for your pastor and for anyone else involved in the ministry, if it is based on the risen Christ as found in the KJB and is rightly divided according to Paul only!
 - It is to your benefit, too!
 - **II Corinthians 9:10** - *Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)*
 - **I Thessalonians 5:25** ... *Brethren, pray for us.*
 - **Romans 15:30-32** ... *Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.*
 - **Colossians 4:3** ... *Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.*
 - **II Thessalonians 3:1,2**... *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for all men have not faith.*
 - **Philemon 1:22** ... *But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.*

(summary of above verses)

For your pastor, pray that ...

- ... he be delivered from them that do not believe!
- ... the service which he has for the body of Christ may be accepted of the saints!
- ... he may come unto you with joy - by the will of God!
- ... he may be refreshed with you!
- ... God would open unto him a door of utterance to speak the mystery of Christ – all of which is Paul's message to us today!
- ... the word of the Lord may have free course!
- ... the word of the Lord may be glorified. even as it is with you!
- ... he be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men!
- ...you would take care of your preachers lodging, etc.!

Paul's Specific Prayer Requests for Us!

Here is how we can pray for each other / family / friends, etc.!

- **I Corinthians 1:3-7** ... *Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*
- **II Corinthians 1:7**... *And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.*
- **Ephesians 1:16-20** ... *Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*
- **Ephesians 3:14-19** ...*For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*
- **Philippians 1:9-11** ... *And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*

- **Colossians 1:9-12** ... *For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light;*
- **Colossians 4:12** ... *Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*
- **I Thessalonians 3:10** ... *Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?*
- **I Thessalonians 5:23** ... *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- **II Thessalonians 1:11,12** ... *Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- **I Timothy 2:1-3** ... *1: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;*

Review: Paul Prays for Us!

We can pray for others with the same hope and requests!

Thank him:

...for the grace which is given you!

...in everything ye are enriched by him in all utterance and in all knowledge!

...the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you

Ye come behind in no gift!

Be partaker of His sufferings AND ALSO of the consolation!

God would give unto you the spirit of wisdom in the knowledge of Him!

God would give unto you the spirit of revelation in the knowledge of Him!

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened!

Know what is the hope of his calling!

Know what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints!

Know what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe!

To be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man

Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith!

Be rooted and grounded in love!

Be able to comprehend what is the breadth, length, depth, height of the love of Christ!

To know the love of Christ

Be filled with all the fulness of God!

Your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge!
Your love may abound yet more and more in all judgment!

Approve all things that are excellent!

You be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ!

Be filled with the fruits of righteousness!
Be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding

Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing!

Being fruitful in every good work

Increasing in the knowledge of God!

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power unto all patience
and longsuffering with joyfulness!

Give thanks that we all are meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light

Stand perfect and complete in all the will of God!
To see your face - to be available to hear the Risen Saviour through Paul's stuff!!

Perfect that which is lacking in your faith!

Your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless
unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

God would count you worthy of this calling!

God would fulfil all the good pleasure of His goodness
God would fulfil the work of faith with power!

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in him!

You may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty!

How can folks still get mad at Paul?

How can folks get mad at their pastor if these are what his prayers and goals are?

How can kids be mad at their parents if they have prayed and tried to follow up with proper Biblical action, guidance and teaching? It is the goodness of God, not the severity of God that leadeth people to repentance... leadeth our kids towards the true and living God... leadeth people to the truth of the Scriptures... leadeth people to the Risen Saviour!