

Bible Basics

Review

The Gospel: God's love & grace righteously given to sinners through the finished work of Jesus Christ

Justification: Believer's eternally secure position before God (New Creature in God's family)

Sanctification: God's faithfulness to complete His work in our lives

The Word of God: The necessity & sufficiency of His Word for every aspect of our lives

Relationship: God initiates – we respond

Prayer: Most basic response & request from the word & work of God in our hearts & lives.

Communication with God

Prayer

When & Where should I Pray?

God is omnipresent, meaning God is in all places at all times

Which means He is always with us and that we can meet with Him and talk with Him anytime & anywhere!

Any Time – Any Where

1 Thes. 5:17 **Pray without ceasing**

Prov. 3:6 **In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths**

Prayer

In light of the Christian's 3 unrelenting enemies
The ungodly world – Old sin nature – Satan
All of which are in direct opposition to God,
It is vital for us to get alone with our Father,
To have our minds renewed by His Spirit &
Word and spend time with Him in prayer

Specific Time – Specific Place

Mark 1:35 **And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed**

Prayer

Some Elements of Prayer

Relationship, Worship, Desiring God's will,
Petition, Confession, Protection, Intercession,

All For God's glory

A Pattern for Prayer

Mat. 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Prayer

Relationship

“Our Father”; By faith in God’ Son we are God’s children & He is our Father; We have full, direct access to Him

Prayer is the privilege of God’s children

Rom. 5:2, 8:16, 9:26 1 Jn.3:1 Heb.4:16

Worship & Reverence

“Hollowed be Thy Name”; Acknowledging God’s holy character effects us. He is Almighty & Sovereign; Exceedingly gracious – Adoration, Praise & Thanksgiving

Desire God’s will & His Kingdom

“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done”; Awareness of God’s Awesome character leads us to want to forsake our own agenda for His will which is holy, perfect, sinless;

We want God’s kingdom: Our King’s design

We want God’s will: Our Lord’s desires

A heavenly lifestyle here on earth.

Prayer

Petition: Request / Asking

“Give us this day our daily bread”; God wants us to come to Him with all our needs & desires. As the Lord demonstrates His faithfulness to provide abundantly for us, our relationship with Him matures & flourishes

Confession: Agreeing with God

“Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”;
Although God has forgiven all our sins past, present & future, honesty about our sin is the necessary step for restoring fellowship.

As sin hinders our prayer life (Ps.66:18), confession restores healthy communion with God

1 Jn. 1:9 Psa.32:5 Prov.28:13 Lk.18:9-14

Prayer

Protection

“Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil”;

Protection from evil in temptation (the evil one).

Acknowledging our weakness & seeking God’s strength

Intercession: Praying for others

“Our, Us, We”; Notice the plural pronouns regarding intercession & corporate prayer

‘In Jesus’ Name’ :According to His Character for God’s Glory

“For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever”;

It’s all about the glory of God and Jesus being exalted; (*In Jesus Name: Jn.14-16*)

Let His Kingship reign by His power and for His glory, today & always

“Amen” : So let it be; so be it; a truth agreed

Other Patterns for Prayer: Neh.1:4-11 Dan.9:3-19

The Holy Spirit

Spirit Filled Life

Every true believer has received the gift of the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation

Rom.5:5 **And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us**
(Rom.8:9)

1 Cor.6:19 **What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1 Thes.4:8)**

1 Cor.2:12 **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God**

The Holy Spirit seals us: Guarantee/Down Payment

2 Cor.1:22 **Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts** (Eph.1:13; 4:30)

Jn.14:16-17 **...He may abide with you forever... He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you**

The Holy Spirit

Gal. 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit

Eph.5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit

Luke11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Some Ministries of the Holy Spirit in our lives

He Glorifies Jesus

Jn. 16:14 He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you

He Teaches

Jn. 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (1Jn. 2:27)

The Holy Spirit

He Produces Fruit (Life & Character of Jesus)

Gal. 5:22-23 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Jn.15:1-17)**

He Brings Victory Over Sin

Rom.8:13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (Gal.5:16)**

He Energizes Prayer

Jude 1:20 **But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost (Eph.6:18)**

He Prays for us in our Weakness

Rom.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**

The Holy Spirit

Though the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity we are capable of hindering His Ministry

Eph.4:30 **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption**

1 Thes.5:19 **Quench not the Spirit**

Summarized Simply

Realize the results of salvation

AND

Rely on the Holy Spirit's ministries

We know God's will for us today through the simplicity & clarity of His Word

We can trust that He will supply all the power as we seek to love & obey Him

The Church

What is it & Why is it important?

Matt.16:18 **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it**

Church (*Gk.*) *Ekklēsia*; It is a compound word: *Ek* = "out of" & *Kaleo* = "To Call"

The Church: *Called out ones*

The Word of God is to be building up His people

Eph.4:11-12 **Apostles** wrote the bible, **Prophets** spoke & wrote the bible, **Evangelists** proclaim the bible, the **Pastor / Teacher**, teaches & leads God's people with the bible.

The People of God are to be equipped for service by the Word of God.

The Church

Individual Christians come together for the purpose of Glorifying God & Edifying His people

Acts 2:42 **And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers**

Heb.10:24-25 **And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching**

Every member of the Body of Christ (the Church) is gifted & placed by God in order to serve one another for the glory of God

Eph.4:7 & 1Pt.4:10 State that every Christian has been given (at least) a gift

In Jn.15:16, we see Jesus ordained (appointed) us, where we are in order that we would go, and bear fruit

Bearing Witness

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth

Love is to be our chief characteristic: Jn.13:35

The Great Commission

Matt.28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Amen.

Teaching them: The Gospel; 1 Cor. 15:1-5

God is Holy + We are sinners = Judgment

But God is merciful & gracious by giving His Son for us

Bearing Witness

3 Roles in Evangelism

The Unbeliever's Role: They are spiritually dead, Eph.2:1-2;
Blind, 2 Cor.4:4; Undiscerning, 1 Cor.2:14; Lost, Isa.53:6;
Deceived, Titus 3:3

God's Role: Gives life, 1 Cor.3:6; Draws people, Jn. 6:44;
Convicts, Jn.16:8; Desires all people to be saved, 1 Tim.2:3-4

My Role: We love God & our neighbor as our selves; We bear
witness of Jesus' words & works;
We know & sow the Word of God into hearts

As ambassadors & witnesses, we are to bring Jesus to the lost:
God brings the lost to Jesus

By knowing the roles, we are less burdened to do things only
God & the lost can do, while clear on our responsibility to
our Lord & our neighbor