BIBLE STUDY

**Becoming A Person of Prayer**

**Lesson 5: Prayer & The Godhead**

**DISCUSSION/DISCOVERY**

"Bestow upon me, O Lord my God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee."

Thomas Aquinas.

The Godhead (Trinity) has a role in the work of salvation:

The Father draws us – John 6:44

The Son makes us free – John 8:36

The Holy Spirit seals us – Ephesians 4:30

Did you know that each person of the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit) has a role in our prayer lives?

Ephesians 2:18

It is commonly understood that God hears our prayers.

**Psalm 66:18-20; Proverbs 15:29; Jeremiah 33:3**

So how then do the other members of the Trinity function in our prayer lives?

Paul declares that the Spirit **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for believers in their weakness, when they do not know what they should pray for.

**Romans 8:26**

Intercession is the act of intervening on behalf of another.

The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf in the very presence of God the Father.

Whenever we are challenged by what to say when we pray, the Holy Spirit is able to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** us in prayer. He is God’s communication agent.

Romans 8:26 (ICB) “Also, the Spirit helps us. We are very weak, but the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, even begs God for us. The Spirit speaks to God with deep feelings that words cannot explain.”

The Holy Spirit makes sure that our needs are properly communicated to God.

**\*The verse states that “we are very weak”. What types of weaknesses might affect our prayer lives?**

In Romans 8:26, Paul says that we don’t know how to pray; however, the Spirit has the ability to clearly communicate to God our cares, needs, hurts, and confusion.

“If there is no prayer, there is no divine communication taking place. If there is no divine communication taking place, you have not given the Spirit anything to work with. And, if you have not given the Spirit anything to work with, then you won’t hear back from God on the issue you are facing.” Dr. Tony Evans, The Promise

The power for building the Christian life comes from prayer – “praying in the Holy Ghost.”

**Jude 20**

To “pray in the Holy Spirit” is to pray with a spiritual mind-set consistent with God’s desires and God’s design based on God’s Word.

**1 John 5:14-15**

“*The Spirit speaks to God with deep feelings that words cannot explain*.”

The Holy Spirit **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with our pain, clarifies that pain, and communicates it to the Father in a way we could never do ourselves.

He (Holy Spirit) communicates what is coming from our hearts!

God wants to hear from us from deep down within so that the Holy Spirit can take those desires and do something with them.

In order for this to be true in our lives there must be certain elements present:

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Once we have taken in the Word of God, meditation needs to begin. We spend time in careful thought upon the Word of God, reflecting on it, simmering it the way a good cook simmers a dish until the flavor penetrates all the way through it.

**Psalm 63:6**

The Holy Spirit helps us in prayer when we are on God’s program. He is interpreting, redirecting, and reshaping our groanings in light of God’s plan.

The best way to experience the intercession of the Holy Spirit is to give ourselves fully to the practice and discipline of prayer.

**Colossians 4:2**

**DIRECTION**

**Use one of the prayer patterns as a guide to your prayer time this week.**

**Read Romans 8:18-27**