**Q101. In what way has God commanded the saved to communicate to Him?**

We are to communicate to God in persistent prayer.

**Q102. What is prayer?**

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, thanksgiving, confession of sin, and expressing our requests to Him while submitting to His sovereign will.

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17
   * 1. How does this passage of scripture help us view false teachers who claim to have additional words from the Lord?
   1. The canon of scripture is closed, which means that we are not allowed to add to it.
      1. How are you tempted in your life to “add” things to Scripture?
      2. Do you see how you’re not trusting in God’s words when you rely on your own thinking and thoughts instead of God’s revealed thoughts?
2. Read Genesis 3:1
   1. Notice what the serpent says. How are we often similarly tempted in our own flesh?
      1. The serpent is trying to get Adam and Eve to not trust in God’s revealed word. What things in your life are trying to get you to not trust in God’s revealed word?
      2. How should we submit to the God-appointed authorities in our lives?
3. There are two main layers of prayer. Prayers that exalt God and prayers that benefit those made in His image. Our prayer life should be a mixture of both types of prayers.
   1. Do you mainly ask God for things that benefit mankind, or do you mainly exalt God in your prayers?
   2. How can you start to cultivate a change in your prayer life so that you are thriving properly in both layers of prayer?
4. Read James 4:3.
   1. What are the consequences of a prayer life that is “asking wrongly?”
5. In 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 We are commanded to pray without ceasing.
   1. Why do you think that is the case?
   2. What does that say about our sin and our need for a savior?
6. If our prayers are always centered around asking God for things, then are we truly thankful for what He has provided and is providing?
   1. For what are you thankful lately?
7. Part of the walk of a Christian is confession of our sin to God and others. Why is it important to confess our sins to God?
   1. Has He already forgiven your sins before you’ve confessed them?
8. We should always yield to God’s will in our prayers. If we demand results from God, this exposes a heart that is not trusting in God. Why is it good for us to trust in God’s will and not our will?
9. Spend some time in prayer. Remember the application points to help you.