

Section: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

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

We are to communicate to God in persistent prayer.

* **Trinitarian Prayer**

Prayer is Communication with the triune God.

As Christians, our prayers are Trinitarian. Our prayers are to the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit.

**1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

* Jesus the Mediator
* How is Christ our Priest?

Christ is our Priest because He gave Himself as a sacrifice in our place to satisfy the wrath of God, and He is in continual intercession to God the Father on our behalf.

* The Power of the Holy Spirit in our Prayers

**Romans 8:15-16** …you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

**Ephesians 6:18** praying at all times in the Spirit…

* **Praying All the Time**

**Ephesians 6:18** praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** pray without ceasing

**Romans 12:12** …be constant in prayer.

* We should pray all the time because God is all-powerful.

**Jeremiah 32:27** “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?

**Matthew 19:26** But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

* We should pray all the time because God is the source of peace, help, comfort and healing.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

**1 Peter 5:7** casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

* **Quality Time in Our Prayer Closet**

**Matthew 6:6** But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**Matthew 8:20** And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

**Luke 5:16** But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

**Luke 6:12** In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.

**Mark 1:35** And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Be still and know that He is God.

* **How NOT to Pray**

**Matthew 6:5-8** And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**1 Corinthians 10:20** No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

**Matthew 6:9-13** Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

* **Praying to Our Holy Father**

Our Father

Our Father in heaven!

**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.

* **Praise**

**Matthew 6:9** Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”

**1 Chronicles 29:11** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

**Psalm 66:17** I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17-18** pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Ephesians 5:20** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Psalm 7:17** (NLT) I will thank the Lord because he is just

**Psalm 30:12** (NLT) …O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!

**Psalm 95:2** (NIV) Let us come before him with thanksgiving

**Acts 13:48** (NLT) …they were very glad and thanked the lord for his message…

**Philippians 4:6** (NLT) “Don’t worry about anything, instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done!”

* **Repent**

**Matthew 6:12** and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

In Christ, you are Forgiven!

**Colossians 1:13-14** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Colossians 2:13-14** (NIVUK) When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made youalive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Repentant prayer includes 3 important steps:

1. Confession

2. Repentance

3. THANKFULLNESS

Confess: to agree together with.

*“I am not lying to myself nor to you about this. I am admitting that it is what it is according to God’s holy standard.”*

*“This was sin. You call it sin. I am calling it sin. I am saying out loud, ‘I sinned!’”*

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Proverbs 28:13** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,

but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

**1 John 1:8** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Psalm 32:5**I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Psalm 19:12-13** (NLT) How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.

* **Ask**

**Matthew 6:11** Give us this day our daily bread,

**Matthew 6:13** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Philippians 4:6** do not be anxious about anything, but *in everything by prayer and supplication* with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

* Why should we ASK?

We bring all our request to God because He wants us to and because He will Answer!

**1 John 5:14** And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

* Who should we pray for?

**Matthew 6:11** Give us this day our daily bread,

* Pray for your friends:

**Luke 22:31-32** “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

* Pray for your enemies

**Matthew 5:44** But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

* How should we come to God in Prayer?
* Reverent but bold.

**Hebrews 4:16** (NLT) So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

* Honest.

**John 12:27-28** “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”…

* **Yield**

**Matthew 6:10** Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Prayer is LESS about getting God to do what we want and more about getting ourselves reoriented to doing what God wants and has for us. Prayer is less about getting God to do what we want and more about preparing to join God in what he is going to do.

We need to remember that God’s will is not always our will.

**Matthew 6:10** Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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