

THE PROMINENCE OF PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Pt 4

- Some *General Statements* about prayer:

- 1) Prayer's most basic definition is _____ to God directly & personally!
- 2) Prayer is _____. As you foster a genuine relationship with God, you commune with God ... Every good relationship must have _____ as the basis to it!
- 3) Prayer expresses our _____ & _____ on the Lord, and usually for a genuine _____ !

I. THE BASIS FOR PRAYER

II. SOME HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

III. N.T. PRAYER PRINCIPLES AS SET FORTH FOR A NEW DISPENSATION

IV. THE POWER OF PRAYER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

V. THE COMPASSION OF THE CHIEF SHEPHERD & THE PRAYERFUL CONCERN FOR LOST SOULS (Matthew 9:35-38)

VI. THE PROMINENCE OF PRAYER IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

1. Jesus prayed for God to be _____ by His obedient sacrificial life (John 17:1-5)
- "Eternal life" is the _____ of life every _____ needs, & the _____ of life every _____ should cherish!
2. Jesus prayed for His _____ (John 17:6-19)
 - a. Jesus' _____ ministry was just about over, but this would _____ the case for His disciples. They were to _____ on without Jesus physical presence. (17:11)
 - b. He prayed that the Father would _____ them in His name during this time of absence from them.
 - c. The means to this keeping would be the _____ of the _____ in their Christian lives!

3. Jesus prayed for _____ (John 17:20-26)

a. The Lord's petition for His future Bride was that she would come to faith by a _____
_____ of the truth, & then enjoy _____ in the Lord. (17:20-23)

- What makes this "unity" possible?

- How is this "unity of mind" displayed in life?

b. Twice Christ prayed ... for a _____ wrought unity,... "*that (hina) the* _____
may _____ *that You* _____ *them &* _____ *Me.*" (17:21, 23)

c. Christ's desire was that, while His heavenly glory was _____ in His humanity, He still
let His life _____ while ministering to people and through the humiliation of the _____.
Then He prayed that believer's would be _____ Him in _____, to behold His
_____ glory as well! (17:24)

d. In verses 25 and 26 Jesus does not _____ His Father for anything, but He simply _____
the Father for His love for _____ & for the _____ as a whole.

- What can you personally learn from this intercessory prayer?