

Prayer According to Paul

I. Definitions

- A) Prayer- Solemn address acknowledging supremacy, adoration and praise
- B) Supplication- Petition or request for supply (physical or spiritual)
- C) Intercession- Interposition between parties at variance or challenged to communicate
- D) Giving thanks- Acknowledgment and gratitude for supply (physical or spiritual)

II. Who

- A) Rom 8:26-27- Holy Spirit makes intercession for us
- B) 1 Thess 5:25- Brethren are to pray

III. What

- A) Rom 10:1- Paul prays for Israel's salvation
- B) Rom 15:30-33- Paul prays that his gift be accepted
- C) 2 Cor 13:7-8- Paul prays they do no evil
- D) Eph 1:15- Paul prays they are edified in the understand of being "In Christ"
- E) Phil 1:9- Paul prays the abound in knowledge and discernment of the more excellent things
- F) Col 1:9-11- Paul prays for their edification and returning thanks
- G) Col 2:7- Paul prays to give thanks for edification
- H) Col 4:2-4- Paul prays the Lord open doors in order that the gospel be received
- I) 1 Thess 5:23- Paul prays they be found blameless at JSOC
- J) 2 Thess 1:11-12- Paul prays they be counted worthy and the Lord be glorified through them
- K) 2 Tim 4:16- Paul prays mercy at JSOC for those abandoning him
- L) Phile 4-6- Paul prays that Philemon acknowledge the goodness of God

IV. Where

- A) 1 Tim 2:8- Paul prays every where
 - 1) Lifting up holy hands
 - i. Gen 14:22
 - ii. Isa 1:15

V. When

- A) Rom 12:12- Paul prays continuing instant
- B) Phil 1:3- Paul prays upon every remembrance
- C) Phil 4:5-7- Paul prays in everything
- D) Col 1:3- Paul prays always
- E) 1 Thess 1:2- Paul prays remembering without ceasing
- F) 1 Tim 4:3-4- Paul prays at meals

G) 2 Tim 1:3- Paul prays night and day

VI. Why

A) Isa- 26:3- Peace for them whose mind is stayed on the Lord

B) Isa 57:19- The Lord creates the fruit of the lips, therefore the firstfruits should go to Him

1) Heb 13:15- Sacrifice of the lips

2) Hos 14:1-2- Israel finally renders the calves of the lips ("grace Lord")

3) Psa 50:14 & 23- Pay thy vows (words)

4) Psa 51:16-17- The sacrifice God desires

5) Psa 69:30-31- Praise of His name better than oxen

6) Psa 119:108- Freewill offerings of the mouth

7) Prov 15:7-8- Prayer better than sacrifice

8) Hos 6:6- God desired mercy and not sacrifice

9) Jon 2:7-10- Jonah's sacrifice of the lips

C) Rom 1:9- Paul believed God is listening

1) Prov 15:29- God hears prayer of the righteous

D) 2 Cor 1:8-11- Paul believed prayer works

1) Unfortunately many in "grace" have made prayer of none effect

E) 2 Cor 4:15- Paul said prayer redounds to God's glory

F) 2 Cor 9:12-15- Paul believes prayer is a cycle like hydrologic cycle

G) Eph 5:18-20- Paul prayed to give thanks for all things and to keep his mind stayed on the Lord

H) Eph 6:18- Paul prayed and then watched the Lord work

I) Phil 1:19- Paul prayed because he believed in the outcome

J) Col 1:12-14- Paul prayed because he was thankful for salvation

K) Col 4:2- Paul prayed to watch the Lord perform and returned thanks

L) Col 4:12- Paul prayed because it was a labour we are privileged with

M) 1 Thess 3:10- Paul prayed in order that he might be able to edify them

N) 1 Thess 5:18- Paul prayed because it is the will of God

O) 2 Thess 3:1-2- Paul prayed in order that the gospel have free course

P) 1 Tim 2:1-6- Paul prayed because God will have all men to be saved and therefore Jesus Christ died for all men

Q) Phil 7 & 22- Paul prayed because he believed it's outcome on the brethren and on himself

VII. How

A) Psa 66:16- Prayers of iniquity

B) Luke 11:5-13- Prayer out to be in charity and thanksgiving

C) Luke 18:1-8- Continuous prayer (keeps us in communion with God mentally)

D) 1 Cor 11:13- Woman praying uncovered (in rebellion of God's order)

E) 1 Cor 14:13-15- Pray in spirit and in understanding (if in assembly)

- F) Col 3:17- Whatsoever you do (prayer also) do to the glory of the Lord
- G) 1 Thess 5:17- Pray without ceasing (don't abandon prayer)
- H) 1 Tim 2:8- Pray with holy hands without wrath and doubting
- I) 1 Tim 5:5- Widow to pray to God for supply in thanksgiving