

The Power of Prayer

Ephesians 3:12-21

1. Vs 12 tells us that through Jesus we have:
 - a. _____ to God- we can approach Him!
 - b. _____ from the mediation of a priest to communicate with God- we have Freedom to approach God personally
 - c. _____ that He hears our prayers- Confidence He is listening.

2. Vs 13 encourages us that what Paul went through was for our _____.
 - a. He says that his suffering was on _____ of the church.
 - b. Paul suffered for _____, more specifically the gentiles or non-Jews for his faith in Jesus Christ.
 - c. As a result of Paul's suffering, many had come to faith and spoke out _____ proclaiming Jesus, thus he said his sufferings "are your glory".

3. Vs 14-15 Paul _____ before the Father to acknowledge a spirit of submission and humility.

4. In Vs 16-19 Paul prays for 4 things:
 - a. An inward _____ -vs 16 "*...Strengthen you with power through the Spirit in your inner being,*"
 - b. An inward _____ - vs 17 "*...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts...*"
 - c. An inward _____ - vs 17-19 "*...you may have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,*"
 - d. An inward _____ - vs 19 "*...that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*"

5. Vs 20 Paul _____ us of the One we are praying to and the power He has "*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory....*"

6. With the power we have within us through Jesus, why do we _____ our prayers? *“He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or can imagine.”*

a. When we pray, we often use _____ that can limit this power!

i. I _____ want to pray for:

1. You to show up in this place...

2. for healing over my...

“Just” in this sense means “only”, although that’s not what we usually mean!

b. Be _____ instead of limiting it:

i. Why do you want Him to show up?

ii. What is the healing you need?

7. Specific prayers help to _____ our relationship with Jesus!

a. Prayer is a heartfelt _____ between you and Jesus

b. Prayer is how we _____ with Jesus

c. Prayer is how we _____ to salvation through Jesus, confessing our sins.