

DOCTRINE OF PRAYER

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PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

1. Prayers must be offered by a believer priest.
2. Every believer is a priest. I Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6
3. Every believer priest has certain responsibilities to fulfill as a priest, such as

1. (Confession)	4. (Praise Worship)	
2. (Prayer)	5. (Thanksgiving)	Heb. 13:15 & 16
3. (Giving)	6. (Good Works)	
4. Prayer must be in compliance with the Word of God. Jn. 15:7
5. Prayer must be in accordance with God's will. I Jn. 5:14
6. Prayer must be wrought in the Spirit. Eph. 6:18
7. Prayer must be on the basis of Faith or believing.
Mt. 21:22; Mk. 11:24; James 1:5-6
8. Prayer is offered and made on the basis of Grace not because we have earned the right to be heard. Heb. 4:16

PRAYER SHOULD BE:

1. Directed to God the Father. Eph. 5:20; Mt. 6:9; I Pet. 1:17
2. In the name of God the Son. Jn. 14:13; Jn. 15:16
3. By the power of the Holy Spirit. Eph. 6:18

REASONS WHY THE LORD DOES NOT ANSWER THE BELIEVER'S PRAYER PETITIONS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of Faith. Mt. 21:22 2. Selfishness. James 4:2, 3 3. Carnality. Ps. 66:48 4. Lack of Compassion. Prov. 21:3 5. Lack of compliance with God's Will. I Jn. 5:14 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Lack of domestic tranquillity. I Pet. 3: 7. Pride. Job 35:12, 13 8. Disobedience. I Jn. 3:22 9. Not being filled with the Holy Spirit
Eph. 6:18 |
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DOCTRINAL NOTES

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PRAYER

1. Confession - Ps. 66:18
2. Thanksgiving - Eph. 5:20
3. Intercession - Eph. 6:18
4. Petition for own needs - Heb. 4:16
5. Principle
 - a. To God the Father - Eph. 5:20; Matt. 6:9; I Pet. 1:17
 - b. In God the Son's name - John 14:13; 15:16
 - c. In Power of the Holy Spirit - Eph. 6:18

RAPTURE - I Thessa. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:51-58; I John 3:1, 2

RECONCILIATION

1. Christ is the agent of reconciliation - Rom. 5:10
2. The believer is the minister of reconciliation - II Cor. 5:18, 19
3. Mechanics of reconciliation - Eph. 2:16
4. The cross is the point of reconciliation - Col. 1:20
5. The result of reconciliation: ultimate sanctification - Col. 1:21, 22

REDEMPTION

Redeemed means to purchase from slavery - Another term used with a purchase is: (Gr. - Lutron) or Ransom (Mk. 10:45)

Under Roman rule there was a practice of selling men and women as slaves.
Man is a slave in bondage to sin and Satan - Jn. 8:33, 44
Christ came to the cosmic slave market to pay the purchase price.

Under Old Testament economy three (3) things could be redeemed:

- 1) wife 2) slave 3) land

Three things necessary before one could redeem:

- 1) had to be a near kinsman 2) had to have means 3) had to be willing

Jesus Christ qualifies in all three areas as an adequate redeemer.

- 1) Jesus Christ was our kinsman by Virgin Birth - Phil. 2:7&8
- 2) Jesus Christ was able as the God Man - I Tim. 2:5; I Peter 1:18 & 19
- 3) Jesus Christ was willing - Rev. 5:9

Jesus Christ purchased our freedom from the slave market of sin.

- Ps. 34:22 I Peter 1:18 & 19 Gal. 3:13

The Blood of Christ is the payment - Eph. 1:7; I Pet. 1:18 & 19

Redemption is the basis of justification - Rom. 3:24

Redemption is the basis of our eternal inheritance - Heb. 9:15

Redemption results in adoption - Gal. 4:4-6

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EXHORTATIONS TO PRAY.

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Matthew 7:7,8 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Luke 18:1b "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

Philippians 4:6,7 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

PRAYER IS MADE ON THE BASIS OF GRACE

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

James 5:16b "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

PRAYER MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WORD OF GOD

John 15:7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

PRAYER MUST BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WILL OF GOD

I John 5:14 "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us."

PRAYER MUST BE WROUGHT BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Ephesians 6:18 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

PRAYER MUST BE SUBMITTED ON THE BASIS OF FAITH IN GOD

Matthew 21:22 "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive."

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."