

TITLE: More of God and Less of Me

Some of the questions we will look at include:

- Q: WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO JOIN TOGETHER WITH GOD (FATHER, SON, SPIRIT)?
- Q: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO 'PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS?'
- Q: WHAT IS THE RESULT OF GOD AND ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER?

First, let's agree on how this second part of our prayer is defined: according to dictionary.com

PETITION: A REQUEST MADE FOR SOMETHING DESIRED, ESPECIALLY A RESPECTFUL OR HUMBLE REQUEST, AS TO A SUPERIOR OR TO ONE OF THOSE IN AUTHORITY; A SUPPLICATION OR PRAYER: A *PETITION FOR AID*; A *PETITION TO GOD FOR COURAGE AND STRENGTH*.

JOHN 14:1 "DON'T LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD, AND TRUST ALSO IN ME."

- WE ARE TO PLACE OUR TRUST IN CHRIST JESUS

JOHN 14:8-11 PHILIP SAID, "LORD, SHOW US THE FATHER, AND WE WILL BE SATISFIED." 9. JESUS REPLIED, "HAVE I BEEN WITH YOU ALL THIS TIME, PHILIP, AND YET YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHO I AM? ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER! SO WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME TO SHOW HIM TO YOU? 10. DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME? THE WORDS I SPEAK ARE NOT MY OWN, BUT MY FATHER WHO LIVES IN ME DOES HIS WORK THROUGH ME. 11. JUST BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IS IN ME. OR AT LEAST BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE WORK YOU HAVE SEEN ME DO.

- WE MUST BELIEVE IN HIM – HE WORKS WITH THE FATHER

JOHN 14:12-13 "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL DO THE SAME WORKS I HAVE DONE, AND EVEN GREATER WORKS, BECAUSE I AM GOING TO BE WITH THE FATHER. 13. YOU CAN ASK FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME AND I WILL DO IT, SO THAT THE SON CAN BRING GLORY TO THE FATHER

- AS WE JOIN TOGETHER WITH CHRIST & ASK – **THE SON GIVES GLORY TO THE FATHER**

JOHN 14:14-18 YES, ASK ME FOR ANYTHING IN MY NAME, AND I WILL DO IT! 15. "IF YOU LOVE ME, OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS. 16. AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ADVOCATE, WHO WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU. 17. HE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO LEADS INTO ALL TRUTH. THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE HIM, BECAUSE IT ISN'T LOOKING FOR HIM AND DOESN'T RECOGNIZE HIM. BUT YOU KNOW HIM, BECAUSE HE LIVES WITH YOU NOW AND LATER WILL BE IN YOU. 18. NO, I WILL NOT ABANDON YOU AS ORPHANS – I'LL COME TO YOU.

- AS WE JOIN TOGETHER, LOVE, & OBEY JESUS – HE'LL ASK THE FATHER TO SEND US HELP

JOHN 14:23-26 JESUS REPLIED, “ALL WHO LOVE ME WILL DO WHAT I SAY. MY FATHER WILL LOVE THEM, AND WE WILL COME AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH EACH OF THEM. 24. ANYONE WHO DOESN’T LOVE ME WILL NOT OBEY ME. AND REMEMBER, MY WORDS ARE NOT MY OWN. WHAT I AM TELLING YOU IS FROM THE FATHER WHO SENT ME. 25. I AM TELLING YOU THESE THINGS NOW WHILE I AM STILL WITH YOU. 26. BUT WHEN THE FATHER SENDS THE ADVOCATE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE – THAT IS, THE HOLY SPIRIT – HE WILL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING AND WILL REMIND YOU OF EVERYTHING I HAVE TOLD YOU.

- AS WE LOVE & OBEY THE SON - THE FATHER & THE SPIRIT JOINS US

JOHN 16:13-15 WHEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH COMES, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH. HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN BUT WILL TELL YOU WHAT HE HAS HEARD. HE WILL TELL YOU ABOUT THE FUTURE. 14. HE WILL BRING ME GLORY BY TELLING YOU WHATEVER HE RECEIVES FROM ME. 15. ALL THAT BELONGS TO THE FATHER IS MINE; THIS IS WHY I SAID, ‘THE SPIRIT WILL TELL YOU WHATEVER HE RECEIVES FROM ME.’

- WHEN HE TELLS US WHAT HE RECEIVES – **THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES THE SON GLORY**
- THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS WITH THE SON & THE FATHER TO REVEAL TRUTH

ROMANS 8:26-31 AND THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE DON’T KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS US TO PRAY FOR. BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYS FOR US WITH GROANINGS THAT CANNOT BE EXPRESSED IN WORDS. 27. AND THE FATHER WHO KNOWS ALL HEARTS KNOWS WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING, FOR THE SPIRIT PLEADS FOR US BELIEVERS IN HARMONY WITH GOD’S OWN WILL. 28. AND WE KNOW THAT GOD CAUSES EVERYTHING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE GOD AND ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE FOR THEM. 29. FOR GOD KNEW HIS PEOPLE IN ADVANCE, AND HE CHOSE THEM TO BECOME LIKE HIS SON, SO THAT HIS SON WOULD BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. 30. AND HAVING CHOSEN THEM, HE CALLED THEM TO COME TO HIM. AND HAVING CALLED THEM, HE GAVE THEM RIGHT STANDING WITH HIMSELF. AND HAVING GIVEN THEM RIGHT STANDING, HE GAVE THEM HIS GLORY. 31. WHAT SHALL WE SAY ABOUT SUCH WONDERFUL THINGS AS THESE? IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN EVER BE AGAINST US?

- THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US TO KNOW THE TRUTH & TO BE IN RIGHT STANDING W/ GOD

Q: HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

JOHN 15:5-8 “YES, I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. THOSE WHO REMAIN IN ME, AND I IN THEM, WILL PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT. FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. 6. ANYONE WHO DOES NOT REMAIN IN ME IS THROWN AWAY LIKE A USELESS BRANCH AND WITHERS. SUCH BRANCHES ARE GATHERED INTO A PILE TO BE BURNED. 7. BUT IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND MY WORDS REMAIN IN YOU, YOU MAY ASK FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT, AND IT WILL BE GRANTED! 8. WHEN YOU PRODUCE MUCH FRUIT, YOU ARE MY TRUE DISCIPLES. THIS BRINGS GREAT GLORY TO MY FATHER.

- IT IS TIME FOR US/**BELIEVERS GIVE THE FATHER GLORY** – WHEN WE PRODUCE FRUIT
- **Q:** IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THAT YOU ARE WANTING WANT GOD WANTS?
- LET US READ THE WORD OF GOD, LET US HEAR THE WORD, & LET US LIVE IT

LUKE 11:2 JESUS SAID, ‘THIS IS HOW YOU SHOULD PRAY: “FATHER, MAY YOUR NAME BE KEPT HOLY. MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME SOON.

- TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE CONNECTING, LOVING, OBEYING, AND FOLLOWING GOD.
- YOU HAVE NOT BECAUSE YOU ASKED NOT (**JAMES 4:2-3**)

LUKE 11:9 ASK [IN JESUS’ NAME] IT WILL BE GIVEN, SEEK [TRUTH OF THE SPIRIT] AND YOU & I WILL FIND, AND LET US KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED

- Q: WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY IS OUR GREATEST NEED TODAY? ASK HIM, WAIT FOR HIM
- SEEK TO KNOW WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING AND LET HIM REVEAL GOD’S KINGDOM
- AND DON’T GIVE UP PRAYING UNTIL YOU & GOD COME TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

OUR AMAZING GOD IS WAITING TO SPEND TIME WITH BOTH YOU & ME, WILL YOU JOIN HIM?