

Agreeing with New Testament Prayers (Eph. 3:16-19)

I. PURPOSE & GOALS

- A. Developing heart language and Biblical reference for personal prayer using Apostolic Prayers.
- B. Become familiar with God's plans and promises for the New Testament Church

II. ASSIGNMENT

- A. Write a summary of the prayers in the space provided. Example verse and summary example:

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)

- 1. Paul is praying to the Father that the believers in the church at Rome would overflow with hope. A hope that is supernatural, not a hope that is attained by human dedication but one that is given by the experiential power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives to Paul the means by which the human heart is filled with hope.
- 2. First Paul points to the "God of hope." Paul wants the believers in Rome to be filled with hope by looking/gazing at a God who has hope because whatever we behold in God's heart becomes a part of ours.
- 3. Second, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, Paul prays for their hearts to be filled with two specific things: "joy in believing" and "peace in believing."
- 4. When these two things are brought together by the power of the Holy Spirit something dynamic happens in the human heart - it begins to rest in the assurance of supernatural hope.
- 5. In essence, the Holy Spirit shows us that hope is the product of joy and peace being brought together in the heart, as we believe what God says about Himself and about us

III. PRACTICAL WORK

- A. Each individual will write out a minimum of 1 scriptural cross-reference and 5 "phrases of your own heart language" under each phrase, rewording/paraphrasing the phrase.
- B. Memorization; Please set yourself to memorize these sections of scripture. This is vital not just to the function of our idea of the House of Prayer, but they are also key to us knowing how to pray over ourselves. Take each month and focus on the selected section of Scripture. It is not that much to memorize.
- C. I would suggest reading it as a prayer for yourself two times a day
- D. Scriptures to use:

- 1. ***Ephesians 1:17-19***

2. *Ephesians 3:16-19*
3. *2 Thessalonians 3:1-5*
4. *Colossians 1:9-11*
5. *Philippians 1:9-11*

IV. FINAL THOUGHTS AND ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

- A. It is important to understand scriptures describing God causing His word to increase resulting in many being born again. God glorifies His Word by manifesting His power to confirm it with signs and wonders. (*Acts 4:29-31*)
- B. *Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. (Acts 13:48)*
- C. *So the Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. (Acts 19:20)*
- D. *The Word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly (Acts 6:7)*
- E. *But the Word of God grew and multiplied (Acts 12:24)*
- F. *Then the proconsul believed...being astonished at the Teaching of the Lord. (Acts 13:12)*

V. VERSE FOR EXERCISE (EPH. 3:16-19)

“...THAT HE WOULD GRANT YOU, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY, TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN, THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH; THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE, MAY BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHAT IS THE WIDTH AND LENGTH AND DEPTH AND HEIGHT - TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST WHICH PASSES KNOWLEDGE; THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.” (EPH 3:16-19)

VI. SUMMARIZED FEEL OF EPH. 3:16-19

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory

To be strengthened with might through His spirit in the inner man

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith

that you, being rooted and grounded in love

May be able to comprehend with all the saints

What is the width, the length, and depth and height

To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge

That you may be filled with all the fullness of God