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## The Holy Spirit & Prayer

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. Romans 8:26-27  
Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24  
Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. John 14:12-14

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has** blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Eph. 1:3

### Thinking correctly about prayer:

Common misconceptions:

1. Hypocrites don't pray. (Matthew 6:5-8) Much prayer around the world is about amplifying the false self. It is an attempt to manipulate God for selfish motives.
2. Prayer is the way we move God to do what we want and to give us what we want. Therefore, the more we plead, beg, cry out, persuade God, the more likely He is to respond. Energy, volume, persistence, amount and consistency are important in this prayer formula. We have to fight for the victory.
3. The emphasis is on the praying person, how holy, qualified, sincere, and good they are.
4. Prayer is informing God how bad your situation is.

True prayer

1. It is communing with God, whom we love with all our hearts. It is relational connection, secure attachment, and communication motivated by intimate love. Prayer is simply having a conversation with Someone you love. It is being with God, listening to His heart, and responding. John 5:19; 1 Cor. 13
2. Everything has already been accomplished on the cross. It is finished. God has already done everything he is going to do. Christ's shed blood and death on the cross, the atonement, purchased everything – our salvation, forgiveness, healing, blessings, favor, destiny, provision. The victory has been won. Everything God wants you to have, already exists in the heavenly realm. 1 Pet. 2:24
3. The emphasis is on what God has already done in Christ, not on our qualifications. Everything that God has purchased for us is a gift. Our job is to believe and receive God's gifts.
4. Effectiveness has nothing to do with the amount of time we pray or the level of our emotional urgency.
5. Prayer is believing, declaring, decreeing, and receiving what God has already done in Christ.
6. Power is in the tongue. Proverbs 18:21 You get what you say when it is according to God's Word.
7. Enter his presence with thanksgiving and praise. (Ps 100:4) Approach God as a loving Father, who delights and adores you.
8. The Holy Spirit wants to pray through you. Praying in tongues is highly effective.

### Group experience:

1. Share a desire in your heart that you believe God wants for you, but has not yet materialized.
2. Affirm that this blessing has already been purchased by Christ on the cross, and is in the heavenly realm waiting to be released.
3. Ask God to release that blessing, and thank Him for it. Decree and declare, out loud, the heart of God. Your words have great power. Remember, we fight FROM victory.