

Come and See: Praying in Jesus' Name
John 16:23-33

Christian Prayer: Personal Communion With God Born of a Living, Loving Union With Christ

- We have a personal union of spirits with God in Christ - Jo 16:13-15
 - ...with this comes a new supply from God - II Pet 1:3,4
 - ...with this comes unhindered access to God - Heb 4:16
- "You may ask in My name" - Jo 14:13; 15:16; 16:23
 - ...we may not ask for what is contrary to His nature
 - ...all our praying is responsive - Jer 33:3

Praying in Jesus' Name:

- We organize all of life around Christ - Col 3:17
 - ...to glorify God our Father - Jo 17:4,5
 - ...for the good of those around us - Jo 17:23
- Warnings:
 - ...The purpose of prayer is not prayer - but to nourish a relationship - Jo 17:3
 - ...Like all relationships, it can get messy - Is 55:8-11

Jesus: "Pray the Prayer I Would Pray!" - Jo 17

- Present yourself in loving attentiveness to God - Jo 17:23-24
 - ...get lost in His love
- Before you "ask", pray for faith - Ro 10:17; Ga 3:2,5
 - ...listen - the prayer in Jesus' name is responsive - Jo 5:19,30; 6:38; 12:49; 14:10
- Once you "hear", ask for it in faith - Jo 16:24
 - ..."and 'I' will do it" - Jo 14:13; Ga 2:20
- Trust His supply - I Pet 2:6; Matt 6:33
 - ..."for this ____, I have Jesus!"
 - ..."I believe You and I obey You." - Jo 17:4

By Praying in Jesus' Name, We Lay Hold of His Overcoming Life - Jo 16:33