



Prayer For the People of God

Ephesians 3:14-21

- 1) It is the practice of prayer, not the posture of it, that is so vital to us
- 2) God the Father is He who receives our prayers (14; cf. Matt. 6:9)
 - a) We pray in the name of Christ (John 15:16; cf. 14:13-14; 16:13)
 - b) God can do far more than we can ask or even think (20a)
 - c) God's power is at work in His people; prayer releases it (20b)
 - d) God answers our prayers to His own glory (21)
- 3) Through our prayers & the prayers of others God works
- 4) *Who* should we pray for? Christians
- 5) *What* should we pray for?
 - a) Strength w/ power through the Spirit (16)
 - b) That Christ would be at home in the hearts of His people (17a)
 - c) That love be the root & foundation of our faith (17b)
 - c) That the vastness of Christ's love might be comprehended (18-19)
 - e) That God's fullness would fill His people (19)
- 6) Questions & observations
 - a) Make it a habit of praying on your knees for other Christians
 - i) We get weak, depressed, anxious
 - ii) Our own riches are rags compared to God's riches
 - b) Is Christ comfortable in you as His dwelling place?