

Wed Night



FRESH ENCOUNTER

PRAY FOR SOULS

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"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."
(1 Timothy 2:1-6)

INTRODUCTION

- what is good & acceptable in God's sight?
 - * quiet & peaceable life - why?
 - * so that all men can hear & accept Christ to be saved
 - * how can Christians have quiet & peaceable life?
 - x prayers & intercessions for rulers
 - x for God to lead rulers' hearts
 - What is God's truth?
 - * One God
 - * one mediator between God & man
 - x the man Christ Jesus
 - x Jesus gave himself a ransom for all humans
 - God's desire: to save sinners (1 Tim 2:5)
- Quote: "No prayer, no power. Little prayer, little power. Much prayer, much power."
- Paul's letter to Timothy - his spiritual son

1. THE Prayers OF THE CHURCH

(v. 1-2)

Quote: "The local church does not pray because it is the expected thing to do; it prays because prayer is vital to the life of the local church."

—Warren Wiersbe

A. How We Pray

supplicate (beg)
prayer (general)
intercede (for others)
thanksgiving (thank God)

supplication
prayers
intercession
thanksgiving

Quote: "Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer and God delivers by prayer."

—E.M. Bounds

Quote: "What the Church needs today is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer."—E. M. Bounds

B. Who We Pray For

FOR ALL MEN -- everyone

FOR RULERS - for all in authority

Quote: "...Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons - but they are helpless against our prayers."—J. Sidlow Baxter

C. Why We Pray

FOR QUIET

Quote: "The word 'quiet' carries the idea of the absence of outside disturbance. The word 'peaceable' carries the idea of the absence of inside disturbance or turbulence."—John MacArthur

FOR PEACE

Quote: "...prayer helps to maintain the peace of society. As Christians pray for leaders in government, God overrules and protects His church from wicked men."—Warren Wiersbe

FOR GODLINESS

Quote: "Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer."—John Bunyan

Quote: "The chief purpose of prayer is that God may be glorified in the answer."—R. A. Torrey

2. THE Purpose OF GOD (v. 3-4)

A. The salvation of All see 1 Tim 1:15

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should ^{good} perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9) ^{faithful} ^{acceptable}

Quote: "Since He wishes that all should be saved, do you also wish it; and if you wish it, pray for it. For prayer is the instrument of effecting such things." — **John Chrysostom**

^{gospel} ^{of Christ} *"For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."* (1 Timothy 4:10)

B. The Knowledge of Truth of God

Quote: "One thing more, the soul winner must be a master of the art of prayer. You cannot bring souls to God if you do not go to God yourself." — **Charles Spurgeon**

3. THE Provision OF CHRIST (v. 5-6)

A. He Is God in the flesh (Jn 1:14, Mt 1:23)

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." (Colossians 2:9)

B. He is the mediator (1 Cor 1:18, 23-24)

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (1 Peter 3:18)

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

C. He is the Savior

HIS WORK

"And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2)

OUR WITNESS

- Acts 1:8 ... you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, & in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.