

1 JOHN 5: 14-15, 18-20

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PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER

AS THIS EPISTLE CLOSES - JOHN ADDRESSES
SUBJECTS HE HAS ALREADY DEALT WITH -

- ① ENLARGING HIS TREATMENT OF THEM -
- ② STRESSING THEIR IMPORTANCE -

HE HAS SPOKEN OF THE "SUPREME MINISTRY"
OF PRAYER - AND - "THE PRIVILEGE"
OF THOSE WHO PRACTICE IT -

IN DISCUSSING THE "PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER"
- WE WILL CONSIDER:

- ① THE CHARACTER OF THOSE WHO PRAY - (18-20)
- ② THE CONFIDENCE OF THOSE WHO PRAY - (14-15)

I THE CHARACTER OF THOSE WHO PRAY - (18-20)

CHARACTER IS SUMMED UP IN THE
"WE KNOW" - (V. 18) (19) (20) -

THIS IS DOGMATISM BASED ON THE "WORD OF GOD"
"NOT OPINION OR MAN'S ASSURANCE"

THESE "WE KNOWS" ARE ~~BASED~~
BASED ON ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION -

AREN'T YOU GLAD ~~13~~ WE CAN TAKE
OUR STAND & REST OUR CASE - ON
"THIS FOUNDATION"

WE KNOW "13" → THE PREQUISIT OF PRAYER "17"
LISTED HERE: "WE KNOW"

① CONCERNING CHRISTIAN PURITY - ①8

- "THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A HOLY LIFE"

- AN UNHOLY CHRISTIAN IS A CONTRADICTION -
NOTE:

① THE FACT STATED -

BORN
OF HIS
SPIRIT

"WHOEVER IS BORN OF GOD"

A REMARKABLE STATEMENT - THE

"REALLY REGENERATED" - - - -

"SINNETH NOT"

"PRESENT TENSE" "DENOTING"

- "A CONTINUAL COURSE OF SIN"

"NOT"

AN "ISOLATED" OR "OCCASIONAL SLIP"

② THE FACT EMPHASISED -

"THE WICKED ONE TOUCHETH HIM"

"NOT" (MEANING)

"CANNOT LAY HOLD ON" WITHOUT

PERMISSION -

③ THE FACT EXPLAINED -
HE THAT IS BEGOTTEN OF GOD -
"KEEPETH HIMSELF" - "FAITH AT WORK"

③ CONCERNIN CHRISTIAN POSITION - (19)
"WE KNOW"

① OUR CERTAINTY - WE ARE "OF GOD"
- IN THE FAMILY & IN THE FELLOWSHIP -
WE HAVE:

① A FORGIVEN PAST -

② A FEARLESS PRESENT -

③ A FAITHFUL PARTNER - (HOLY SPIRIT)

② OUR CONTRAST - "THE WHOLE WORLD"
"LIES IN THE" "WICKED ONE" -

③ CONCERNING CHRISTIAN PERCEPTION - (20)

"WE KNOW"
THE "SON OF GOD" PERSONALLY - HE
GIVES "UNDERSTANDING" SO WE CAN
KNOW!!!

"WHAT IS TRUE - HIS WILL"

THESE PEOPLE PRAY FOLLOWING:

VS 14-15 TOTALLY BY FAITH

IN GOD'S SON - "CONFIDENCE"

"THUS"

II] THE CONFIDENCE OF THOSE WHO PRAY

— THIS IS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT STATEMENTS MADE ABOUT PRAYER — IN THE BIBLE —

— PRAYER IS AN EXERCISE OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE — WHICH IS AS CERTAIN IN ITS OPERATION — AND RESULTS — AS THE CHARACTER OF GOD —

— "CONFIDENCE" MEANS "BOLDNESS" OR LITERALLY "FREE SPEECH" —

— EXPRESSING OUR MINDS IN GOD'S PRESENCE — WITHOUT "MISGIVINGS" OR "EMBARRASSMENT" —

— IT IS A "COMPLETE ASSURANCE" OF DIVINE "PRESENCE" + "PARTICIPATION" —

"CONFIDENCE" (3 WAYS)

(A) A PRAYER OF CONVICTION — "IN HIM"

"IN ALL HE HAS PROMISED" OR

TRANSLATED: A "DIVINE PLEDGE"

[II COR 1:20] FOR "ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD" — "IN HIM" — ARE "YEA"

AND "IN HIM" AMEN?

"YEA" = THE VOICE OF ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY
THE VOICE OF JESUS - "WITH ASSURANCE"

"AMEN" = THE VOICE OF ABSOLUTE FAITH
A COMPLETE CONFIDENT OBEDIENCE -

"YEA" IS:

- ① THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S HEART -
- ② THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S LOVE -
- ③ THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS -
- ④ THE CERTAINTY OF ETERNAL LIFE -

- GOD CALLS FOR OUR "AMEN" TO HIS PROMISES -

③ PRAYER HAS A CONDITION - (14)

- ACCORDING TO "HIS WILL" - - - HE
HEARS - "IF WE ASK" -

① IT IS REQUIRED THAT WE ASK -

- DON'T JUST "SUPPOSE" OR "ASSUME" -
- "THAT GOD WILL ACT" -

WE ASK - HE EVALUATES - HE
RESPONSE - ACCORDING TO

"HIS" - "TIME"
~~RECEIVE~~

(COVER)

② IT IS REQUIRED THAT WE ASK A CERTAIN WAY —

"ACCORDING TO HIS WILL"

② HIS WILL IS HIS WORD —
"LOGOS" & "RHEMA"

③ WE MUST LIVE GOD'S WILL TO
PRAY GOD'S WILL —

③ PRAY BRINGS A CONCLUSION — (15)

IF HE "HEARS" — "WE HAVE"
"THINGS DESIRED" & "ASK FOR"

PRAYER ~~IS~~ IS :

① A MATTER OF FACT — ("GOD HEARS")

② A MATTER OF FAITH — ("WE KNOW")

NOT — "I PRAY ENOUGH TO GET IT"

BUT — "I BELIEVE ENOUGH" TO RECEIVE

③ A MATTER OF FULFILLMENT — ("WE HAVE")
"THE PETITIONS" — "WE DESIRE"

HIS ANSWER — WILL IMPOSE — "HIS WILL" —
WHICH IS RIGHT FOR US —

THE SPIRIT INTERCEDES — BECAUSE —

"WE DO"

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