Prayer

INTRODUCTION: God talks to us through the Bible. We talk to God through prayer.

As the Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit and has Christ as its central theme,

 so also acceptable prayer must be in the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ.

1. THE NATURE OF PRAYER.

1. CONFESSION OF SIN. I John.1:19, Psa.32:5, Dan.9:4-5.
2. SUPPLICATION FOR ONESELF. Psa. 130:1-4, 106:4-5, Heb.5:7

Jas.1:5. To confess sin and ask for salvation are the only prayers the can make.

1. INTERCESSION FOR OTHERS. Col.4:12, Jas. 5:16 , Rom. 10:1, I Sam. 12:23.

Illustration: Acts 12: 5-9, 12.

1. THANKSGIVING TO GOD. Eph. 5:20, Acts 27:35, Phil 4:6, Heb. 13:15, I Thess. 1:13

Illustration: Acts 28:15.

1. COMMUNOIN WITH GOD. I Jn. 1:3, II Cor. 13:14, Col. 3:1-3.

Illustration: Genesis 5:24 “Enoch walked with God.”

1. THE ORDER OF PRAYER.
2. TO THE FATHER. John 15:16, 16:23 “Ask the father.”

Luke 11:2, Eph. 1:16-17, 3:14-16, I Thess. 3:9-13

NOTE: In the N.T. prayer is based on RELATIONSHIP to God as His children.

Rom. 8:15 “adoption… WHEREBY.”

1. THROUGH CHRIST (IN HIS NAME).

John. 14:13, and 16:23, 24. “Ask in my name.”

Eph. 2:13, “THROUGH HIM … access…unto God.”

NOTE: “IN HIS NAME” includes the following: 1. Dependence on Christ; in His merit, not ours. God answers for His sake; because of Him. 2. Prayer in His name is prayer such as He Himself would offer.

1. IN THE SPIRIT. Eph.6:18, Jude 20, Romans 8:15.

WE are to pray IN THE SPIRIT, not TO the Spirit.

1. THE BASIS OF PRAYER.
2. Relationship to God. See note 2a.
3. The Blood of Christ. Heb. 10:19-22.
4. The promises of God. I Kings 8:26, Gen. 32:9-12. Rom.10:13-15

Prayer based on the word heard.