

Romans 1:9, 10

The Christian's Life of Requesting Prayer (Part 2)

- I. The Christian's Life of Requesting Prayer is not Inconsistent with Service for the Lord - 1:9, 10.
- II. The Christian's Life of Requesting Prayer Directs Service for the Lord - 1:9, 10.
 - A. Christian Service is Religious Service in Character: "serve."
 - B. Christian Service is Sincere Service in Manner: "in my spirit."
 - C. Christian Service is Gospel - Centered in Content: "in the Gospel."
 - 1 Corinthians 2:2; Isaiah 52:7; Acts 20:27; Colossians 1:28.
 - D. Christian Prayer is Unceasing: "unceasingly; always." Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
 - E. Christian Prayer and Service is Concerned for Others: "of you; to you."
 - F. Christian Prayer and Service is Entirely Submitted to God's Will: "by the will of God."
 1. James 4:13, 15; Acts 21:14; Luke 22:42.
 2. This is not: 1) going by my own ideas (Psalm 119:105), 2) wanting to consume it on my own desires (James 4:2, 3), nor 3) agitation when things don't go my way.
- III. The Christian's Life of Requesting Prayer Changes the Person Praying - 1:9-12.

Conclusion.

- Pray that for your life, prayer & service for the Lord would follow the pattern modeled for us in Rom. 1:8-10.
- Thank God for our church ministry. Pray that our church ministers to those inside and accepts the ministry of those from the inside, and that our church has a ministry in the community and beyond. Pray for our members serving and for our missionaries.

Questions for Thought and Discussion.

1. From this message, what was the truth that stuck out the most to you?
2. Why do you think there is much confusion today as to what the gospel clearly and really is?
3. What is the gospel all about?
4. What is the instrument by which the gospel benefits me (how am I saved)?
5. Why do you think that more churches today aren't interested in giving "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27)?
6. What are some of the things that make a person mature in their faith (Colossians 1:28)?
7. How is it possible to pray unceasingly?
8. According to this passage, what helps keep us from falling into traps of laziness or merely pleasing self or merely pleasing other people? What keeps us from being deviated? What keeps us on target?
9. What is intercessory prayer? Do you give time to it?
10. What are some of the requests that Paul probably prayed for the Roman church (hint: Romans 1:1-10)? Were any of those prayers answered (hint: Romans 1:8)?
11. What are some prayer requests that we should be praying for others based on Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-11.
12. What are the items mentioned in Romans 1:8-10 about which we should be praying for ourselves and our church family?
13. What should be included in our prayers (James 4:13, 15; Luke 22:42)?
14. How can I be sure that I'm relying on God's will and not my own ideas (Psalm 119:105)?
15. What does it mean to pray things that I consume because of my own desires (James 4:2, 3)?
16. If God accomplishes His plan, what's the purpose of praying?
17. How does prayer change the person who is doing the praying?

Thoughts for Prayer.

1. Thank God for Grace Baptist Church's ministry. Pray that our church ministers to those inside and accepts the ministry of those from the inside, and that our church has a ministry in the Elko community and beyond. Pray for our members serving in various capacities. Pray specifically for our missionaries.
2. Pray the items mentioned in Romans 1:8-10 for our church and our missionaries.
3. Pray the requests of Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 1:9-11; Colossians 1:9-11 for our church and missionaries.