

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Title: Partners With Jesus In Prayer

Series: Book of Ephesians...8 Text: Ephesians 3
Introduction:

> Romans 8:34, "*Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*"

> Hebrews 7:25, "*consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them*"

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is interceding for us.

> Romans 8:27, "*And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*"

The HOLY SPIRIT is interceding for us.

> Ephesians 2:10, "*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*"

Believers are Commanded To Pray:

> 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18, "*Rejoice always, 17) pray without ceasing, 18) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*"

> Luke 18:1, "*And he (Jesus) told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.*"

> Romans 12:12, "*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*"

> Philippians 4:6, "*do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*"

INTERCESSION: noun - the action of intervening on behalf of another.

SUPPLICATION: noun - the action of asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly.

Believers Have A Promise For Prayer:

> Ephesians 3:11, God has a purpose (even if where I am is a result of my own rebellion and disobedience).

> Ephesians 3:12, "*in whom we have boldness and access*"

> Ephesians 3:14, HUMILITY

> Ephesians 3:16, "*he (the Father) may grant you...*"

> Ephesians 3:17, "*so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...*"

> Ephesians 3:18, "*may have strength to...*"

> Ephesians 3:19, "*and to know the love of Christ that passes all knowledge...*"

> Ephesians 3:20, AMAZING PROMISE

> Ephesians 3:21, THE PURPOSE!!!

Believers Are To Have Confidence In Prayer:

> 1 John 5:14 - 15, "*And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15)And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*"

Conclusion: Preaching on, studying on, and reading about PRAYER are no substitute for praying!