

Practical intercession for the Saints

Practical not theoretical Intercession for the saints

Eph 1: 15-19 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

INTERCE'DE, . To mediate; to interpose; to make intercession; to act between parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend; usually followed by with.

Intercession-gives thanks for those they intercede for, intercession is making mention of the people God has called you to intercede for.

Christ interceded for us to forgive us.

Paul intercedes for the church his intercession is found in verse 17 through 19. He also intercedes for the church in chapter 3:14-19

Paul does not see himself as the only intercessor. Rather he asks Eph 6:18-19 for the Saints to intercede on his behalf.

1 Tim 2:1-3 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 Savior.

What we learned through the preceding verses how the father, the Son, the Holy Spirit in triunity gave us salvation.

This prayer of Paul or intercession is how we practically apply Verses 1-14 to our lives.

The question is I'm saved now what?

In physics you have theoretical, and you have experimental. In other words it may work in theory but is it able to work in the practical.

In the church we have theology and then you have that which is practical applicable and useful for everyday life.

In theology we have the understanding that God is everywhere meaning that he is omnipresent.

In the practical we have prayer in which we can call upon God wherever we are and he hears us, and he will answer us, and show himself strong on our behalf.

1. Paul intercedes for the saints ;That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

Spirit of wisdom

Joseph

Ge 41: 38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

Bezaleel

Ex 31:1-3 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

Solomon

1 Ki 4: 29-30 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore 30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

Daniel

Dan 2: 18-23 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: 21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: 22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. 23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.

2. Paul intercedes for the Saints for enlightenment concerning the hope to which he has called you.

Called you-the purpose the Lord has for you.

- **We are called out** because we are the church. The word church in Greek means called out. (1 Peter 2:9-10 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him **who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.
- **We are called to the universal church which is the invisible Church of God.** Matt 13: 24-30 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The universal church is found in the book of Ephesians.

1:22, 23 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to **the church**, Which is his body

3:10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through **the church**

3:21 Unto him be glory in **the church** by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

5:24- 27 Therefore **as the church** is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved **the church**, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The church is one. Many individuals making up one body of Christ.

We are called Together- 1 Cor 11:18 when you come together as a church

We are called for Unity - John 17:20-22 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

We are called to be holy or in other words set apart – Eph 5: 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself **a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but **that it should be holy and without blemish**.

2 Tim 1:9 Who hath saved us, **and called us with an holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

We are called and given gifts by the Holy Spirit individually to build up the body.

1Cor 12: 4-7,11 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually just as He wills**.

3. Paul prays or intercedes for the Saints that we may know by revelation and in experience God's exceeding great power for us who believe.

Eph 1:19 Amp and [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable *and* unlimited *and* surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is in us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength.

- The Lord wants us to know something.
- The Lord wants us to know revelation of who he is and what that means to us.
- The Lord wants us to know by experience also God's exceeding great power to us who believe.

Centrality of Christ

**His right to be kept at the center
of who we are,
where we are headed,
what we are doing
and how we are blessed.**

Supremacy of Christ is

**It is all about His right
to keep us at the center of
who HE is,
where HE is headed,
what HE is doing,
and how HE is blessed.**