

Praying In The Spirit | CL Talks Episode 46

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Ephesians 6:10-18 NKJV: 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

I. Notice, prayer is not just for me, my needs only. It is praying and interceding for others, the lost, our nation, and the church of Jesus Christ.

A. Why hasn't Jesus returned?

Matthew 24:10-14 NLT: If the love within the Body of Christ diminishes to the point that it disappears and vanishes, then a church and the believers ceases to be what God created and saved us to be in this world.

Revelation 2:4-6 NLT; James 5:7-9 NLT...This is where we pray in our understanding and pray in the Spirit: Luke 10:2 NKJV...2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

II. This is why our praying in the Spirit is so essential. What is, "praying in the Spirit"?

1 Corinthians 14:14-15 NLT...14 For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. 15 Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

Romans 8:26-28 NLT: 26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

A. The Holy Spirit can bring to our remembrance the Word of God, as we renew our minds to God's Word, this is praying in our understanding but there are times that we don't know how to pray, in our understanding about certain issues, circumstances, or present events. How then do we pray if we don't know what to pray? How do we go past our understanding and have the Holy Spirit pray through us the perfect will of God?

1. **1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJV**...2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

a. Tongue: Greek word is glossa, which means: a language given to one that is not naturally acquired, it is a supernatural spiritual language given to every believer when he or she receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (*Acts 2:1-4; 8:14-19; 10:44-48 NKJV*)

b. The first and only initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.

c. The Apostle Paul stated in **1 Corinthians 14:5 NKJV**...”I wish you all spoke with tongues..” Vs 18 “I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all..” Vs 39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

d. Does Jesus desire for all believers to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit?

Acts 2:38-39 NLT: 38 Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

B. Back to prayer: when we pray in the Spirit, your mind does not understand what you're praying in tongues.

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a. Holy Spirit, help me and pray through me God's will concerning this issue, circumstance, event. This is when you begin to pray in the Spirit.

b. If you haven't been baptized in Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with tongues, here's how. **Luke 11:13 NKJV**....13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”