

Why then is prayer so difficult?

Praying the Bible

## Why Do We Pray

Apart from me you can do nothing - Jesus

### 1. The Sin of Independence

Trinitarian Argument -

Jesus' Example -

### OUTLINE:

- 1) INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER
- 2) HABITS OF PRAYER: A DAILY LITURGY
- 3) CORPORATE PRAYER
- 4) PRAYING THE BIBLE
- 5) PRAYING THE PSALMS 1
- 6) PRAYING THE PSALMS 2
- 7) PRAYING OTHER PASSAGES
- 8) PRAYER

Argument from Our Mystical Union

PRAYERLESSNESS is SELF-RELIANCE which is PRIDE

### RESOURCES:

1. PRAYING THE BIBLE - BOOK BY DONALD WHITNEY
2. PRAYING WITH PAUL: A CALL TO SPIRITUAL REFORMATION -  
BOOK BY D. A. CARSON

- Prov 6: 16-17, 2 Cor 3:4-6, Rom 7:18

## **2. Desperate Dependence**

- **We can do nothing - Through Christ we can do all things**
  - John 15; Phil 4:13
- **We are weak - He is strong**
  - Ps 73:26; Isaiah 40:29-31; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- **Blood on our hands, we cannot approach God - Through Christ's blood we can boldly approach God**
  - Heb 12:18-24; Heb 4:14-16
- **We don't know how to pray - God teaches us to pray**
  - Rom 8:26

## **3. What then is Prayer - 5 Points**

- 1) **Offering up our desires to God** - Ps 62:8
- 2) **Surrendering our will to God** - Matt 6:10; Luke 22:42
- 3) **Entering in to conversation with God** - Ps 27:8
- 4) **Practicing the presence of God** - Ps 27, John 14-15
- 5) **Experiencing the peace of God** - Phil 4:4-9