

We Are The Church

Pt. 11 - "Healthy Churches Pray"

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A Working Definition of the Church

"A group of Christians who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ's heavenly kingdom, to affirm one another as his citizens through the ordinances. To proclaim the good news and commands of Christ the King, to display God's own holiness & love through a unified and diverse people; as they follow the teaching and example of the pastors/elders & overseers.

~ An astute observation from Martin Luther ...

"Oh, if I could only pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, no wish or hope."

~ An Important Question: How is your prayer life? If you're honest with yourself, getting asked that question can be tough. It may often even feel condemning.

"God means for your life – married or unmarried, student or employee, young or old – to run on the power of prayer. Prayer fuels the engine of your heart and mind. It's not coffee, or Chipotle, or social media buzz; it's prayer. You need God in and through prayer more than you need anything else. We will not do anything of any real and lasting value without God, which means we will not do anything of any real and lasting value without prayer."

- Marshall Segal

I. The Necessity & _____ of Prayer (Matt 6:5-15)

~ vs. 5 gives us a picture of the necessity = "when you pray, you **MUST not pray like the hypocrites.**"

~ The prayer itself gives us a model for the content and nature of prayer.

II. The _____ for Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13)

a) Pray to _____ God's Name

b) _____ for God's Kingdom over Satan's Kingdom

c) _____ for Your Daily Needs

d) _____ to Stray Far from The Evil One

> A Much Needed Observation on this Prayer

There are six requests here, but it is helpful for us not to see them as *individual items* that are common to the Christian life. But 5 of them actually _____ on one very important request (=> **vs. 9**)

> To properly hallow God's name, we need the other 5 requests!

III. The Results of Prayer

a) _____

~ Ephesians 4:32 & Eph. 1:7 - "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,.."

b) _____

~ Hebrews 12:14 - "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

~ 1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 Peter 2:9

c) _____

~ 2 Thessalonians 3:3 - "But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one."

~ ** Psalm 46:1 **

d) _____

~ 1 Tim 6:6-7 - "But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world."