

#6 The Prayer Needed for the Reality and Practicality of the One New Man

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Overview: The topic is the prayer for the new man

I and II explain "what the prayer is". The proper prayer will bring us into God. Through the genuine prayer, we are in one spirit with the Lord, outside of culture, and are one with others. Then we touch the one new man. III and IV explain how to fight and pray unceasingly for the new man, and how to maintain a prayer's life. V explains the purpose of prayer, in response to the heavenly ministry of Christ, under the heavenly supply and the instructions of the head, to execute the administration of God through the Body of Christ on earth.

I. The governing principle of our prayer should be that prayer brings us into God: [Luke 11:1-4](#) And while He was in a certain place praying, when He ceased, a certain one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray...And He said to them, When you pray, say, Father, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us into temptation.

A. Whenever our prayer does not bring us into God, it is wrong, and we should not continue to pray in this way.

B. The issue of proper prayer is that we find ourselves in God. Mon

II. The experience during times of genuine prayer enables us to touch the reality of the one new man:

A. During times of genuine prayer, we are in our spirit, and we are one spirit with the Lord; it is at these times that we live Christ. [1 Cor. 6:17](#) But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. **1.** Our daily living should be the same as our experience in times of genuine prayer. **2.** Our experience in prayer should become a model of our daily Christian life. **3.** When we pray, we enter into fellowship with the Lord and become conscious of the fact that we are truly one spirit with Him and that He is actually one spirit with us. **4.** If we keep ourselves in a praying condition we will be outside of culture, and we will be one spirit with the Lord, enjoying His presence and spontaneously living Him.

B. Whenever we experience genuine prayer, we are outside of our culture; in particular, we are outside of our cultural opinion: [Col. 3:10-11](#) And have put on the new man. Which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him. Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all. **1.** The more genuine prayer we have, the more we will have the experience of being outside of our cultural opinion. **2.** When we pray with others in a genuine way, we are truly one in the praying spirit: **3.** Then we touch the reality of the one new man. **4.** Then we realize that the new man is constituted with Christ alone and that in this realm there are no differences of culture. Tue

III. We need to persevere in prayer because prayer involves a battle, a fight: [Eph. 6:17-18](#) And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God. By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saint, [Col. 4:2](#) Persevere in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving,

A. In order to fight on God's side against Satan, we need to persevere in prayer.

B. As those who take sides with God, we find that the whole

universe is against us and, in particular, against our prayer:

1. Almost everything in our environment is contrary to prayer. **2.** Resistance to prayer lies not only outside of us but even within us. **3.** To pray is to go against the current, the trend, in the fallen universe: **a.** In order to pray, we must go against the current of our environment. **b.** If we fail to pray, we will be swept downstream. **c.** Only prayer can enable us to go against the current; therefore, we need to persevere in prayer, to pray persistently. Wed

IV. Persevering in prayer for the one new man is related to the peace of Christ, to the word of Christ, and to living in union with Christ: [Col. 3:15-16](#) And let the peace of Christ arbitrate in your hearts, to which also you were called in one Body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to God.

A. The peace of Christ, which is Christ Himself, has made the Jews and the Gentiles one new man, and now we should let this peace arbitrate in our hearts for the Body life and for the practical existence of the one new man.

B. The way for Christ to exercise His headship and to minister His riches to us is through His word: **1.** We should not be closed but should open our being to the Lord and to His word and be willing to be filled with the word of Christ. **2.** We need to allow the word of Christ to move, act, and have its being within us, letting our whole being be permeated and saturated with the word of Christ. **3.** In order for the word of Christ to dwell in us richly for the one new man, we need to let the peace of Christ arbitrate in our hearts.

C. To live in union with Christ means that in our living we are not apart from Christ; rather, we are one with Him and do everything in His name by acting in the Spirit.

D. We need to be ruled by the peace of Christ, to be inhabited by the word of Christ, and to live in union with Christ. Thu

V. In His heavenly ministry Christ is interceding, ministering, and executing God's administration, and we need to be those who respond to Christ's activities in His heavenly ministry: [Col. 3:1-2](#) If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things which are above... [Heb. 8:1](#) Now in the things which are being said the chief point is this: We have such a High Priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, [Rev. 5:6](#) And I saw in the midst of the throne...a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God...

A. As the High Priest, He intercedes; as the heavenly Minister, He ministers; and as the Redeemer with the seven eyes of God, He administers the government of God for the accomplishment of God's purpose.

B. Christ's ministry in the heavens requires our response: **1.** We need to become on earth the reflection of Christ's heavenly ministry. **2.** To seek the things which are above means that we correspond to Christ's heavenly ministry. **3.** When we seek the things which are above, we respond to Christ's heavenly ministry and reflect it. **4.** The purpose of our living with Christ is to be one with Him in His intercession for the churches, in His ministry of the heavenly life supply to the saints, and in His administration of God's government. Fri

C. Through our prayer Christ, the Head, is given a way to

carry out His administration through His Body: [Col. 3:1-2](#) If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth. **1.** As the Head is working in heaven by interceding, ministering, and administering, we, the Body, are working on earth responding to the heavenly ministry of Christ and reflecting what He is doing. **2.** When we pray, we are a heavenly ambassador on earth as the extension of God's kingdom.

D. If we seek the things which are above and have on life and one living with Christ, we will be wholly occupied with the enterprise of our Master: **1.** Our heart will be with Him in heaven, where He is interceding for the churches, supplying the saints, and administering God's government. **2.** We should aspire to be one with the Lord in His heavenly ministry and to have a heart that is one with His heart, and we should long to be one with Him in His priesthood, ministry and administration.

E. In order for the recovery to be the Lord's recovery, it must be under His direction: **1.** Between Christ in heaven and us on earth, there is a divine transmission, a heavenly current. **2.** If we continuously receive the divine transmission, being infused with a supply from heaven and experiencing the transaction between the heavenly Christ and us, we will respond to Christ's interceding, ministering, and executing of God's administration. **Sat**

Crucial Point(1): The genuine prayer brings us into God and cause us to touch the reality of the one new man

OL1: The issue of proper prayer is that we find ourselves in God. **OL2:** Whenever we experience genuine prayer, we are outside of our culture; in particular, we are outside of our cultural opinion. **OL3:** When we pray with others in a genuine way, we are truly one in the praying spirit. Then we touch the reality of the one new man.

[Luke 11:1](#) And while He was in a certain place praying, when He ceased, a certain one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples. **2** And He said to them, When you pray, say, Father, Your name be sanctified; Your kingdom come. **3** Give us each day our daily bread. **4** And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us into temptation.

FN: This prayer, as a pattern, cares **(1)** first for God's name, God's kingdom, and God's will, and second, for our need. **(2)** Secondly it cares our needs. **(3)** This prayer, as a pattern, cares, third, for the kingdom people's failures before God and for their relationship with others. The kingdom people should ask the Father to forgive their debts, their failures, their trespasses, as they forgive their debtors to maintain peace. **(4)** Fourthly, for the kingdom people's deliverance from the evil one and from evil things. The kingdom people should ask the Father not to bring them into temptation but to deliver them from the evil one, the devil, and from the evil that is out of him.

I have spent much time considering this brief word. My conclusion is that if we would pray this way again and again, the result will be that we shall pray ourselves into God. In other words, the issue of this prayer is that we find ourselves in God.

The more genuine prayer we have, the more we shall have the experience of being outside our cultural opinions, of being one spirit with the Lord, and of living

Christ. The sad thing is that when we stop praying, we automatically revert to our culture.

Gradually the Lord is showing us what it means to live Him. One aspect of living Christ is that of remaining in a praying condition. When we are in this condition, we are outside of culture. Because we are one spirit with this living person, taking Him as our life and as our person, there is no striving to live properly. Rather, as we are one with the Lord in spirit, the death of Christ is applied to us, and His resurrection power becomes prevailing in us. Then we spontaneously live Him.

Application to the new ones

You will spontaneously pray yourself into God if you understand these four main points in the prayer the Lord showed as a pattern: **(1)** caring for God's name, God's kingdom and God's will first **(2)** caring for our needs **(3)** forgiving others' debt for our sins to be forgiven **(4)** caring for the deliverance from the evil one and from evil things

God will surely take care of you, the child of God. But do not say that you will care for God's need after your own need is taken care of. For you to be taken care of, be a person who care for God's need first. May all of you, the new ones, learn this priority.

For example, you may not be able to have the home meeting in your set timing because you are busy with work or study this week. In this case, set another timing to have 15-20 minutes home meeting. Also if you have to miss the prayer meeting, please be careful that your not attending the prayer meeting would not be habitual. In this way, practice to care for God's need first in the practical way. May the Lord bless all of you new ones.

And train yourself to forgive the one indebted to you. You need to forgive others for you to be forgiven by God. Those who do not forgive others cannot come out of their culture and pray into God. For example, you have forgiven the debt of the brother in front of the Lord. But you may try to escape the fellowship with him as much as possible. In this case, it means you haven't forgiven him fully, so you should come before the Lord and pray like this, "Lord Jesus, I thought I have forgiven this brothers debt already but now I realized that I haven't forgiven him fully. I trust in the grace of the Lord and forgive this brother's sin thoroughly. Otherwise I cannot fellowship with him in peace, neither I can enter into God Himself. I also cannot ask You boldly to forgive my sin. Let me forgive his sin and let me pray into God".

Crucial Point(2): Persevering in prayer, let the Word dwell in you and fight the spiritual battle

OL1: In order to fight on God's side against Satan, we need to persevere in prayer. **OL2:** In order to pray, we must go against the current of our environment. If we fail to pray, we will be swept downstream. **OL3:** Only prayer can enable us to go against the current; therefore, we need to persevere in prayer, to pray persistently.

Although the battle raging in the universe is between God and Satan, another party is involved. This third party consists of God's chosen and redeemed people, the ones who will actually decide the outcome of the battle. If we take sides with Satan, God will lose, even though He is almighty As the infinite, all-powerful Creator, God will

not lower Himself to fight against one of His creatures.

In order to fight on God's side against Satan, we need to persevere in prayer. Persevering in prayer is like rowing a boat upstream....No doubt, to persevere in this way, either in rowing or in praying, requires a great deal of energy. The entire universe is under Satan's influence and is contrary to God's will.

Prayer is spiritual breathing. To pray is to breathe. When some saints hear a word about prayer, they immediately ask how to pray. We should forget about how and simply pray. For example, a child learns to walk by walking....In the same principle, we learn to pray by praying.

The word of Christ includes the entire New Testament. We need to be filled with this word. This means that we should allow the word of Christ to dwell in us, to inhabit us, to make home in us. The Greek word rendered "dwell" [in Colossians 3:16] means "to be in a house, to inhabit." ...The riches of Christ are in His word. When such a rich word inhabits us, it must inhabit us richly. The word of Christ should have free course within us.

To live in union with Christ means that in our living we are not apart from Christ. In John 15 the Lord tells us to abide in Him, for apart from Him we can do nothing. ...The living of the saints must be in union with Christ. This means that in our living we need to be one with Him.

Application to young people and college students

Young brothers and sisters need to persevere in prayer and take sides with God and fight against Satan. For you to pray in this way, please let the word of God dwell in you richly. [1John 2:14](#) ...young men, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you and you have overcome the evil one.

(1) Student life is a battle: The important thing here is to understand that the student life is a battle. Satan works on the mind of the young people, causing them to dislike to study or force them to some immoral things such as bullying the classmates, committing adultery or suicide. Since Satan is working freely in the world, you need to be in the spiritual battle. Don't think that you don't need to fight like the young working saints because you are too young. The biggest reason for the death of the young people in Japan is suicide. This shows how Satan attacks the mind of young people. Please realize that you become the prey for Satan if you don't start fighting while you are young.

(2) Fight by prayer: Next, train yourself to persevere in prayer in this battle. In the church, the practice of the prayer warriors is recommended. The brothers and sisters are praying 3 times a week, 30 minutes each time. The young brothers and sisters can also pray 10 minutes with partners 3 times a week.

(3) Let the word of God dwell inside richly to pray: Thirdly let the Word dwell inside richly. When you practice the prayer warriors, please pray-read the Word or outline from "The Holy Word for Morning Revival" or "Shepherding series" for the first 3-5 minutes. Without the Word, you cannot keep praying, much less prayer of fighting.

The more you keep praying with the Word and practice the spiritual fighting, the more excellent student you will become. Many of your classmates do not realize that our life is a battle. Moreover, almost nobody realize that the battle is the spiritual battle with Satan. [1Cor. 12:31](#) But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And moreover I show to you a most excellent way. [14:12](#) So also you, since you are

zealous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church.

Seek to be an excellent student. For this, please practice these 4 things.

(1) 10-15 minutes morning revival every day **(2)** 10 minutes prayer warrior, 3 times a week **(3)** Have better grades by studying with the Lord for the Lord's testimony **(4)** Preach the gospel to friends.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I realize that the student life is a battle. I take sides with God and persevere in prayer to fight against Satan. I will let the Word dwell in me richly. I pray fighting prayer by using the Word. The important keywords are the battle, the prayer and the Word. Let me practice prayer warrior with my partner. Make me an excellent student."

Crucial Point(3): Become the one who seeks the things which are above, has one life and one living with Christ and responds to the heavenly ministry.

OL1: As the High Priest, He intercedes; as the heavenly minister, He ministers; and as the Redeemer with the seven eyes of God, He administers the government of God for the accomplishment of God's purpose. **OL2**: Christ's ministry in the heavens requires our response. **OL3**: Through our prayer Christ, the Head, is given a way to carry out His administration through His Body. **OL4**: If we seek the things which are above and have one life and one living with Christ, we will be wholly occupied with the enterprise of our Master. **OL5**: In order for the recovery to be the Lord's recovery, it must be under His direction.

When we pray, we enter into the Holy of Holies and approach the throne of grace. [Hebrews 4:16](#) says, "Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help." Prayer is the way to come forward to the throne of grace. Coming forward to the throne of grace, we receive mercy and grace to meet our timely need. When we pray, approaching the throne of grace, mercy and grace will become a river flowing in us and supplying us. How rewarding this is! Receiving the flow of grace in prayer is actually more important than having our prayers answered. Whether or not our prayer is answered is secondary.

To receive this river of grace is to have our spiritual battery charged with heavenly current. The heavenly current, the divine electricity, is the Triune God as grace flowing out of the throne and into us. The supply and enjoyment this brings is unspeakable.

If we seek the things above and have one living with Christ, we shall be wholly occupied with the enterprise of our Master. Our heart will be with Him in heaven, where He is interceding for the churches, supplying the saints, and administering God's government. This will be our concern, our desire. If we take Christ as life and seek the things which are above in such a way, the lustful members will be put to death, the evil elements in the fallen soul will be put away, and the old man will be put off. Furthermore, we shall automatically put on the new man.

Do you not aspire to be one with the Lord in the heavenlies and to have a heart that is one with His heart? Do you not long to be one with Him in His priesthood, ministry, and administration? I would encourage all the young people especially to care for

God's purpose by seeking the things which are above and living together with Christ.

We all need to care for the Lord's interests. While He is praying in heaven, we respond in prayer on earth. Thus, we experience the transmission between Christ and us, a transmission that will make us happy and full of joy. Christ works in the heavens, and we work on earth. In this way, we not only enjoy Christ as the reality of our necessities, but we also take Him as our life and have one living with Him....The result of living together with the Lord in such a way is the new man.

Application to young working saints and graduate students

The high priest who served in the tabernacle during the Old Testament was able to enter the Holy of Holies only once a year. Entering the Holy of Holies means entering the presence of God. Hallelujah! As a priest of New Testament, you can boldly enter the Holy of Holies whenever you take the blood of Jesus and serve God in the presence of God.

To reach the goal in the company, each department breaks down the goals and each group and individual also break down the goals. Now you are saved and have a church life to achieve God's eternal goals. The goal of God's eternal economy is to bring forth the new man. In accordance with this goal, in the church in Kobe tries to reach the goal: 156 people participated in the Lord's day meeting (10% growth) and 220 people participated in the church life weekly (11% growth) by preaching the gospel and nourishing every week. You should also struggle towards your district and your personal goals.

In order for the service to reach the above-mentioned church goals to become powerful, you need to cooperate with the Lord's heavenly ministry. Companies in the world add funds to achieve their goals. The church needs the power transmitted from the heavenly power plant. You do not struggle with your own power on earth. The local churches in the Lord's Recovery respond to the heavenly ministry of Christ on earth and fulfill God's will on earth by transmitting divine life and power. Even things you can't do can move forward under this heavenly transmission. You should also follow the Lord's instructions when encouraging the brothers and sisters and considering how all the members function in the gospel and nourishment.

By taking the blood of Jesus every day, every hour, return to the spirit, get timely help, become one with the Lord, you can become the one who can respond to the heavenly ministry of Christ on earth. What a glory!

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus! How glorious it is to be a worker who responds to the heavenly ministry of Christ on earth. May I can always take the Lord's blood and enter the throne of grace, receive supply and transmission from the heavenly power plant, and struggle with the Lord in the nourishment and gospel to reach my district goals."

The Mystery of Human Life (2)

The Miserable Situation of Human (5): "Self"

- A.** "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24)
- B.** To illustrate the wretchedness of trying to do good under the law in order to please God. (Rom. 7:7 FN1)

C. Signifying that people who practiced law keeping needed the mercy of God because they were impotent, weak, and wretched. (John. 5:2 FN2)

D. "I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." (Gal. 2:20a)

E. The "I," the natural person, inclines to keep the law that it might be perfect, but God's economy is that the "I" be crucified in Christ's death and that Christ live in us in His resurrection. (Gal. 2:20 FN3).

F. Christ and the Spirit take over the position of the "I" and the flesh, and faith replaces the law, that we may live Christ by the Spirit. (Gal. 3:2 FN3)

The Grace and Blessings from God (5): "Truth"

A. "walking in truth" —The truth is the divine reality, the opposite of vanity. (2 John 1:4 FN2, 1 John 1:6 FN6)

B. "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity...And there is nothing new under the sun." —No matter how good, excellent, marvelous, and wonderful a thing may be, as long as it is of the old creation, it is part of the vanity of vanities under the sun. Only the new creation, which is in the heavens and not "under the sun." is not vanity but is reality. ... Song of Songs stresses that Christ is the song of songs, the satisfaction of satisfactions to human life, which is versus the vanity of vanities of all things under the sun. (Eccl. 1:2b, 9b FN2 of 2b)

C. "grace and reality came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17b)

D. "Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

E. Eating and drinking, festivals "Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ." (Col. 2:17)

Our attitude (7): "Call"

A. "For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." —Calling on the name of the Lord is the secret not only to our salvation but also to our enjoyment of the Lord's riches. God's Chosen and redeemed ones enjoyed Christ's redemption and salvation and all His riches by means of this secret. ... All who call on the Lord's name enjoy this rich Lord; as a result, they are filled with Him and express Him. (Rom. 10:13b FN1,2)

B. "for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him." —The secret to enjoy His unsearchable riches is to call on His name. (Rom. 10:12b FN1)

C. "Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing From the springs of salvation, And you will say in that day, Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name!" —Christ as the life-giving Spirit is the many springs of salvation gushing up from the fountain of the Triune God's salvation, from whom the believers may draw the water of life for their enjoyment. As God incarnated, Christ is the very embodiment of the Triune God. Jesus, Jehovah our savior and our salvation, has become the source of our eternal salvation through the process of His vicarious death for the accomplishing of God's eternal redemption....The way to receive God as our salvation is to draw water from the springs of salvation. i.e., to drink Him. To be our salvation, the Triune God was processed to become the life-giving Spirit as the living water, the water of life. When the living water enters into us, it permeates our entire being, causing us to be nourished, transformed, conformed, and glorified. ... God's practical salvation is the processed Triune God Himself as the living water. (Isa. 12:3-4a, FN1, 2 of v.3)