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Bible Study
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Christ Life Lifestyle: The Foundation for Transformation

Healthy Relationships | Characteristics of God - PRAYER

Last week we asked you to go think about how oneness with God changes your thinking about prayer. Share this with the team.

*“Just as You commissioned and sent Me into the world, I also have commissioned and sent them (believers) into the world. For their sake I sanctify Myself [to do Your will], so that they also may be sanctified [set apart, dedicated, made holy] in [Your] truth. “I do not pray for these alone [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for [all] those who [will ever] believe and trust in Me through their message, that they all may be **one**; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be **one** in Us, so that the world may believe [without any doubt] that You sent Me. I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be **one**, just as We are **one**; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected and completed into **one**, so that the world may know [without any doubt] that You sent Me, and [that You] have loved them, just as You have loved Me.” JOHN 17:18-23 AMP*

In this scripture, Jesus says just as He was sent, He sends us. He also pray for those we need to reach so that through our words they will come to faith in Him. Then **oneness** is mentioned and emphasized several times.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:17, 19-20 AMP refers.

17 *“But the one who is united and joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.”*

19-20 *Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have [received as a gift] from God, and that you are not your own [property]? You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body.”*

So when I pray, I speak to God (Holy Spirit) within me. He is one with me. He is my life.

“I have been crucified with Christ [that is, in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body I live by faith [by adhering to, relying on, and completely trusting] in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” GALATIANS 2:20 AMP

What do you understand from this scripture?

I do not equate myself with God. He is holy and exalted, but He, through His Holy Spirit, dwells in me. What a wonderful thought! What a great responsibility!

The realization that I am spiritually one with Him completely changes my prayer life. Although I always address Him with honour and authority, I know He is always with me. So, if I can only just take my own self out of the way and quiet my thoughts, I will clearly hear Him.

Abba Father, please take over my life completely! Renew my thinking so that I can understand the full impact of being one with You. And that I can live with full devotion and go out to testify of You through the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Scripture for further study:

“May He grant you out of the riches of His glory, to be strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, [indwelling your innermost being and personality],”
EPHESIANS 3:16 AMP

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on [the foundation of] your most holy faith [continually progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], pray in the Holy Spirit,” JUDE 1:20 AMP

“In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs and groanings too deep for words.” ROMANS 8:26 AMP

Have a blessed week.

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- **Africa Conference**, Kenya 17-19 October
- **Leaders Weekend**, Wortelgat, 18-20 October
- CBMC Boland **Golf Day**, 14 November 2019

CALENDAR:

- CBMC **Outreach**, Table View & Moyo, 4 October 2019
- **Global Leadership Summit 2019**, Choose your two days between 4 October - 9 November <https://willowcreeksa.co.za/gls2019/> (New Gen Church, Somerset West tickets available from Piet Swart 082 962 8926 (piet@groen96.co.za) at early bird price).
- CBMC **Africa Conference**, Kenya 17-19 October (<http://www.cbmacfrica.com>) *One-Pager included.*
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