

The New Testament Church
The Gospel of the Kingdom #3 – Prayer
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I Sharing the Gospel with Others – **We CONFESS that the Bible is the Word of God**

- A. Matthew 4:23 – Jesus “*preaching the gospel of the kingdom*”
 - 1. The **gospel** – “good news” – you can be rescued from your past
 - 2. Of the **Kingdom** – “rule” – you are saved to learning how to govern yourself
- B. Proclaim – “to herald” – share – James 3:17
 - 1. Our motive must be sincere – share peacefully, gently, reasonably
 - 2. John 6:44; 12:32 – exalt Christ, and He will draw – *God opens doors to share*
- C. Creation and Sin – **We CONFESS we are made in His image but marred by sin**
- D. Law and Grace – **We CONFESS God’s Law is right and our need for grace**
 - 1. The Law of God (ten commandments) defines what is right and good
 - 2. The Grace of God is Christ who is our Lord by faith through grace

II Prayer – Psalm 51:10-11; Matthew 6:5-13; Luke 11:1-4

- A. **What is prayer?** (Psalm 51 is an example of prayer defined in the OT)
 - 1. Prayer is personal surrender to and communication with God
 - a. It is not getting God to do what you want, it is agreeing with His will
 - b. We need to learn to pray “in His name” not just *with* His name
 - 2. Matthew 6:5-7 (now that we have the Holy Spirit in us, fulfills the definition)
 - a. It is not a show of piety in front of others (voice, mannerisms, etc.)
 - b. It is private, often in secret – before it is public in front of others
 - c. It is not using vain repetition of phrases, but can be written or spontaneous
 - d. God knows what you need before you ask – surrender to His will
- B. **The Lord’s (disciples) Prayer** – Matthew 6:8-13
 - 1. A focus on God – *prayer is primarily to and from God* – v. 9
 - a. Our Father – God is our father, He is a personal God - immanent
 - b. In Heaven – God is in heaven, He is separate from us - transcendent
 - c. Hallowed be Thy Name – His name is sacred, hallowed
 - 2. Our primary purpose in prayer – *we are praying for His will to be done* – v. 10
 - a. Your Kingdom come – God’s government comes in our lives and the culture
 - b. Your will be done – His will, not our own, a daily challenge
 - c. On earth, as it is in heaven – We are to bring some of heaven to earth
 - 3. Our needs met through prayer – *God desires to meet our needs* – v. 11-13a
 - a. Give us this day our daily bread – can be food, clothing, practical needs
 - b. Forgive us our debts as we forgive others – confess sin, make things right
 - c. Resist temptation (preventive), but deliver us from the evil one (corrective)
 - 4. Ultimately, **Soli Deo Gloria** – our lives are for your glory – v. 13b (Psalm 115:1)
 - a. Not unto us, but thank you for using us – however you want to use us, Lord
 - b. However He wants to use our lives, it is for His glory (weight of His purpose)