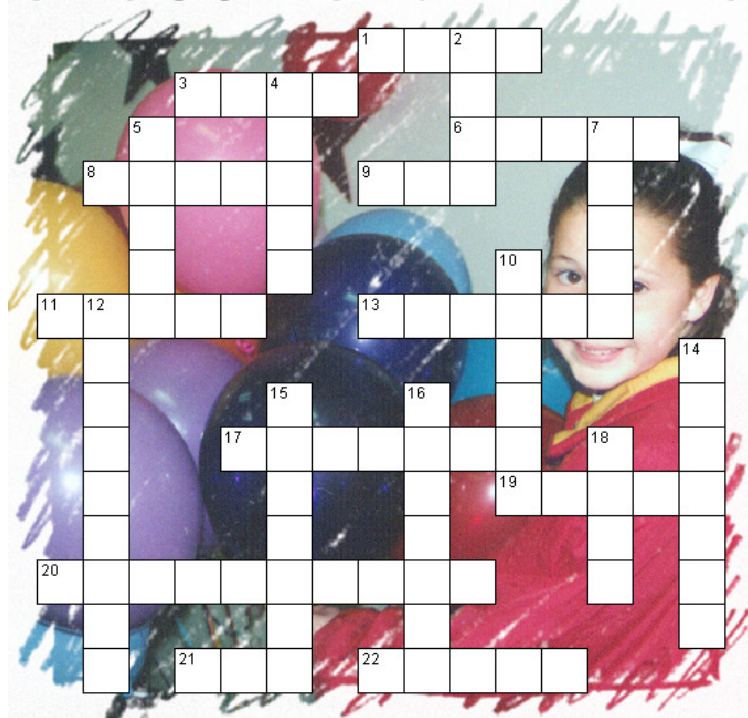


Crossword Puzzle



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| 1. When we pray and ____ with God, He does not require us... | 2. O ____ Jesus. |
| 3. Call upon the ____ of the Lord. | 4. ____ was a man of prayer. |
| 6. He does not require us to say everything ____ and perfect. | 5. His Spirit ____ in to help us. |
| 8. He listens to our heart more than our ____. | 7. We need to develop a ____ of prayer. |
| 9. ... even at the ____ of our prayer. | 10. Our human life is renewed by each ____. |
| 11. O Lord ____! | 12. An ____ way to begin our prayer is to call upon the name of the Lord. |
| 13. His ____ joins in... | 14. We should not ____, but be honest and open to the Lord. |
| 17. He does not require us to say everything right and ____. | 15. Our human life is ____ by each breath. |
| 19. He listens to our ____ more than... | 16. We ____ God's Spirit of life into our spirit as we pray. |
| 20. Prayer bring us into ____ with God. | 18. ____ upon the name of the Lord. |
| 21. When we pray and talk to ____. | |
| 22. Calling is an excellent way to ____. | |

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The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Twenty -

How to Contact the Lord (2) - Prayer Unto Fellowship

I. Overview.

As those who have received God's salvation, we are able to begin to learn to have fellowship with God through prayer. Prayer is easy, but we need to develop a habit of praying in order to learn.



Prayer is just like breathing.

As we pray, we develop a relationship with the Lord. Our prayer should be honest and open. We should be able to tell the Lord

Jesus all our inner feelings and concerns. An excellent way to learn how to pray is to simply begin by calling upon the name of the Lord. This brings us into fellowship with the Lord. As we learn and grow, our prayer will lead us into a deeper fellowship with the Lord. We should practice prayer daily until we develop a habit of having fellowship with the Lord regularly. The best time to pray is right after we wake up in the morning.

II. Memory Verse.

"The Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting."

(Rom. 8:26)

III. Lesson.

To us who have received God's salvation, prayer is like breathing. It is the most basic means of receiving God's life. Just as we received oxygen through breathing, we receive God's Spirit of life into our spirit when we pray. Our human life is constantly maintained and renewed by each breath. So also our Christian life is maintained in a healthy, living and growing condition through our habit of prayer.



Through our prayer
we can learn how to
fellowship with the Lord.

Prayer Brings Us into Fellowship With God

As we saw in the previous lesson, calling upon the Lord's name is the most simple prayer we can utter to the Lord. We should call upon His name as we begin to pray. As we pray, and even at the end of our prayer, we should include much calling on the name of the Lord. This kind of prayer brings us into a real fellowship with the Lord.

When we begin to pray to the Lord we may find that we do not know what to say to Him. This is very normal. The Bible even says that though we do not know how to pray as we should, the Spirit of the Lord joins in to help us as we pray. However, in order for the Lord to "join in", there must be something for Him to "join to." This means that we should simply begin to pray and He will join in to help us. As we have said, simply calling upon His name, like "O Lord Jesus!", is an excellent way to begin.

When we pray and talk to God, He does not require us to say everything right and perfect. He is actually listening to our

heart more than to our words. So then, we can speak freely and openly to the Lord. We can talk to Him with the confidence that He hears and understands our heart's prayer.

Best of all, through the fellowship of prayer, we get to know God. Moses was a man of prayer to whom the Lord spoke "face to face, as a man speaks to his friend" (Exo. 34:11). In order to pray, worship, or fellowship with God we must use our spirit. To pray with our spirit we speak to God the most real and genuine thing that is within us. We should not pretend. We should learn to be sincere, honest and open to God. He already knows what is in our heart, but we experience fellowship with Him when we open to Him in prayer.

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. What is a good way to begin our prayer?

2. What should we do if we do not know what we should pray for, or how we should pray?

3. How is prayer similar to breathing?

4. How can we enjoy fellowship with the Lord?

