

The Lord's Prayer; Part 3

We come now to the final portion of our Lord's prayer. This is the portion that touches each and every one of us who believe, for here our Lord prays for us--the disciples who were yet to believe on Him. As we have studied this prayer of our Savior, I thought we could attain no greater height, but today we climb the "Everest" point of the prayer. The word that kept coming to me in this study is the word "precious." Precious means of great value; not to be wasted or treated carelessly, treasured. Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Jesus also taught us just how precious we are to Him when He disclosed in Matthew 13:44, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field." The essence of our created being began with the earth (Genesis 2:7), then our LORD breathed His life into Adam's nostrils and man came alive. And in the new birth, God esteems us vessels of clay precious in His sight, although without Him we are but the dirt of the earth. But He, by His Spirit, breathes His eternal life in us and we become His treasure (II Corinthians 4:3-7). Consider four precious truths with me this morning:

I. THE PRECIOUS FAITH

John 17:20

Peter expressed that we who believe have "...obtained like precious faith..." (II Peter 1:1). Jude called it, "...the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude, verse 3c).

A. There are three inextricable occurrences, which make up the essence of justifying faith:

A. Knowledge:

Isaiah 53:11

John 17:3

Luke 2:11

II Peter 1:2

B. Heart Belief

I John 5:10

Acts 8:36,37

C. Repent and Receive

Mark 1:14b, 15

John 1:12

II Timothy 1:12

D. In every dispensation this is the requirement.

Hebrews 11:13

Ephesians 1:18
Romans 10:9
Acts 3:19

II. THE PRECIOUS LORD

John 17:21

I Peter 2:7: "Unto you therefore which believe He is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner."

Exodus 28:29-32

Aaron was symbolizing the preciousness of our Lord, who takes us to the Father upon His heart. Aaron wore the seamless robe that was not rent or torn. One would be missing a great truth in the crucifixion event not to see the comparison of John 19:23, 24. Then we see Mark 15:38 tells us, "And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." See Hebrews 10:19, 20. Christ was torn, even rent for us, so that we through His precious love might never be severed from Him and each other (Romans 8:35-39).

III. THE PRECIOUS UNION

John 17:22, 23

Ephesians 2:14-16

A. There are five grounds of union binding us together:

1. The Unity of the Spirit

Ephesians 4:3; I Corinthians 12:13

2. The Unity of Faith

Ephesians 4:13

3. The Unity of Heart

Acts 4:32; Colossians 2:2

4. The Unity of Peace

John 14:27; Colossians 3:15

5. The Unity of Mind

I Corinthians 1:10; I Corinthians 2:16

IV. THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

John 17:24-26

Bone marrow is the tissue comprising the center of large bones. It is the place where new blood cells are produced. Our bone marrow produces red blood cells, platelets, and white blood cells.

Acts 17:26

Ephesians 2:13

I Peter 1:18-20

John 1:18

John 5:19, 30

Ephesians 2:18

Ephesians 5:29-31

Genesis 2:23

Numbers 9:12

John 19:33-36

Hebrews 4:12

Henry V, Act 4, Scene 3:

“From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remember'd;
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,
This day shall gentle his condition.”

Conclusion:

Hebrews 2:9-18

-Pastor Pope-