



# PRAYING WITH UNDERSTANDING

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- *“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints... Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.”*  
**Ephesians 1:18, 5:17**
- *“Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.”* **2 Timothy 2:7**
- Prayer is found in every time period in the Bible.
- But prayer does \_\_\_\_\_ from one time period to the next. Why is this? It's because God's dealings with man and God's expectations and commands change from one time period to the next.
- As you can see, it is crucial that we pray with understanding. This text is very helpful. How can we pray with understanding?

## **First, know our God's \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 4**

- God is on a mission to save lost souls from Satan's kingdom of darkness. He is offering \_\_\_\_\_ and a place in His family to every person on this earth.
- *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”* **Colossians 1:12-13**

- Today, God is forming a brand-\_\_\_\_\_ organism called the church, the body of Christ.
- When you pray for a lost soul today, you are praying right in the middle of God's will, because that is exactly what God's heartbeat and passion is today.

## Second, know our Savior's \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 5-6

- God has provided a way for His mission to be accomplished. Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross for \_\_\_\_\_ man and woman.
- Any person can be saved, forgiven, and given an exalted, heavenly position in the church, the body of Christ.

## Third, know our spokesman for \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 7

- *"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office."* **Romans 11:13**
- *"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."* **Philippians 4:9**
- *"Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God."* **Colossians 1:25**
- Do a study of the apostle Paul's prayers sometime in your personal study. You will find it very enlightening.

Prayer is such an incredible privilege. But it must be done with understanding, so that it will be \_\_\_\_\_ and effective!



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