



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 1:1-14

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending Your only begotten Son into our world in human flesh. We know that He perfectly understands us and our needs as we walk in the darkness and let His light shine forth through us. We thank You that together as Father and Son that You created a good world, a very good world, for us to live in and enjoy. Though our world is no longer as You made it for us, because sin entered the world and because we have sinned, we know that Jesus Christ came into the world to save us from sin and remake us as children of God. As we study Your Word, help us learn more about the Word that became flesh and Your Word written, the Bible. Please help us learn more about You and our King Jesus, our Lord and Savior, as we walk in the path of life and light that You have prepared for us. We praise You and honor You, because You have given us the understanding that no matter what happens in this life, the darkness can never overcome You or Your light, Jesus Christ, who lives within us.

Lord Jesus, as we walk daily with You, please enlighten us with Your light. Many do not know You. Many have never yet heard of You. Many yearn to learn more about You. Please help us do everything we can and everything You tell us to do so others can learn about You and come to trust in You as You have revealed yourself in the Word of God, the Bible. Please help us help those who need to keep learning the truth about You so they will never be misled by the powers of darkness. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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