



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 1 John 1:1-10

Lord Jesus, we praise and glorify You for You are worthy to be praised and glorified. You came into our world and gave Your life to teach us how to live and die. Even more, You shed Your own blood, died, and rose again so all who walk in the light as You do can be cleansed from all sin. As we read the Bible, please teach us how to walk in the light as You walked in the light. Please empower us and guide us through the Holy Spirit so we can walk in the light in this dark world. Lord Jesus, we desire fellowship with You and the Father because we love You both. We love You and want to live in such a way that others will come to love You too. Please help us avoid walking in the darkness even for a moment in thought, word, or deed. Please grant us a greater understanding of Your Word as we read and study the Bible each day. As we learn more about what makes for life, for eternal life, in our daily life, please help us rightly apply what we learn. We praise and thank You that Your coming into our world made possible our joy-filled fellowship with You, the Father, and all who truly seek to follow You. Please grant us righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit as we spend time with You and others who seek to walk in the light. Lord Jesus, we admit to You what You already know about us. Despite our aspirations, we have sinned against You, others, and ourselves. We do not want to walk in darkness as we have in the past. We sincerely pray to You and confess our sins to You, knowing that God will forgive all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness because He is faithful and just. 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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