



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 1 John 2:15-19

Dear Heavenly Father, Giver of Life, Light, and Eternal Life—even Jesus Christ—we thank You for speaking to us truly in the Bible. Thank You for filling the Apostle John with the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire him to write his Gospel and Letters. Thank You for revealing Your only Son, Jesus, to him in a variety of ways so we too can know the truth about Jesus. We thank You for Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and we thank You for sending Him into our world to teach us how to live as Your children. Day-by-day, please enable us to understand and obey Your Word and will as the Holy Spirit works in our lives and teaches us more from the Bible. O Father, help us love You more and more and fill us with Your loving presence. If we begin to love the world or the things of the world more than we love You, please call and draw us back to where we need to be as one of Your children. O Father, please help us avoid following our emotions as the world and the evils in this world try to pull us away from following You and obeying Your commandments. Please help us use our eyes rightly so we focus on that which is holy rather than that which is evil or misleading. As You meet our needs, if You meet our needs abundantly, please restrain us from becoming arrogant and selfish. Father, we want to live forever with You, with Jesus, and with all who love You, so please help us avoid being misled by an antichrist either within the church or outside the church. Please give us a right sense and understanding of what it means to belong to You and belong with all who follow You. In Jesus' 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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