



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 1 John 2:7-14

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Jesus Christ into our world as the deepest expression of Your love for us. We thank You for His deep love that led Him to die on the cross for us so You and He could express Your love through His sacrificial death in our behalf—that we might be forgiven our sins and receive the gift of eternal life by grace through faith in Him. We thank You that He called disciples to follow Him, men who would love You, one another, and all those they brought into fellowship with You and them. Please help us love You as You deserve and as You have commanded, with all our heart, mind, and soul. Help us love our neighbors and empower us to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them—at least by the way we treat them. Help us love one another in the fellowship of believers in Jesus that You have called together. Please shine Your light into and from our lives that we might not stumble and so we can be a light to others. We praise You for You are true, loving, just, and merciful, and You have revealed yourself perfectly to us so we would not need to walk in darkness. Please work in our lives in such a way that we will never stray from You and if we do stray, please draw us back into fellowship with You and all who love You. Please do not let us walk in darkness, for then we would not know where we go, and we would eventually walk in blindness. In the power of Your Holy Spirit may we conquer the evil one and remain strong against all the attacks of the devil and those who follow the devil. May Your Word and Spirit abide in us and guide us forever! 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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