



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 1 John 2:20-29

Dear Heavenly Father, dear Lord Jesus Christ, and dear Helper the Holy Spirit, thank You for anointing us as believers in Jesus Christ, as believers in the Father and the Son, as believers in Your work and words, as believers in the Bible, as those who trust in the Holy Spirit to help us say and do what pleases You. Please help us abide in and with You and help us obey You in all things. Please help us love You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Help us love others and especially those who love You too. Help us know the truth, live according to the truth, and speak according to the truth. Please protect us and other believers so we will not be misled by the liars who deny the truth about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please help us know and trust in You as You have revealed the truth in the Bible so we will always use Bible names that perfectly describe You rather than names others have invented to please themselves and mislead others. Help us confess You before others even when that may mean suffering, for You suffered for our forgiveness and redemption more than we will ever suffer for faith in You. Thank You for granting us eternal life, for we know that throughout eternity we will come to know and love You better and better. Please help us to never be deceived by those the Bible calls liars and antichrists and help us help those who have been deceived. Grant all Your children a confident obedience to You and righteousness so we will not be ashamed when we meet our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ face to face. In His 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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