



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 1 John 5:13-21

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise and honor You today because of Your love and mercy and grace and unmerited favor. You sent the Truth into our world, even Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, to save us from the power of sin and the eternal consequences of our sins—death. Through Your gift of Jesus, we believe in Him and receive the gift of eternal life. Through Your gift of Truth, we have faith in You, in Your only Son, in the Holy Spirit, and in Your Word written, the Bible. Thank You for the disciples whom Jesus called who became apostles and who spread the good news of Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice and death on the cross for us all around the world. We thank You for the many ways we have today of sharing this good news of Jesus Christ with people and cultures who have never heard of Your love and Your gift of eternal life through believing in and trusting in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. We thank You that we can come to You and pray with boldness, because You have adopted us as Your children through faith in Jesus. Please teach us Your will as we pray and read the Bible. When we do not know how to pray, please teach us Your will and how we should pray and do that Your will might be done on earth as it is in heaven. When we do not know how to pray, please pray with us and through us as the Holy Spirit leads. Thank You for hearing our requests and for answering our prayers according to Your perfect will. Please keep us from sin, from practicing sin, from turning away from You, and protect us from the evil one. 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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