



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through 1 John 5:6-12**

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world with a variety of testimonies and proofs that Your Son was and is exactly the One that He said He was and is. We also thank Jesus for revealing to us our true Heavenly Father and His Father. We thank You both for the Spirit, the Truth, who abides in our hearts, who testifies to us about Jesus, and who enables us to serve You. By Your grace and our faith in Jesus Christ, the Spirit testifies to us that, You have adopted us into Your family as children of God. We thank You for the testimony that we have in our hearts that Jesus is the Son of God, and by having Jesus we have life, eternal life. Father, we also thank You that Jesus came by water and blood. Witnesses have testified that Jesus was and is a real human being, born of a real human mother. Witnesses confirmed that Jesus was baptized in water and the Holy Spirit descended and alighted on Him and they heard His Father commend His beloved Son for His obedience. John also testified that when the soldier pierced Jesus' side with a spear to prove that Jesus had really died, both water and blood flowed from His side. We praise You, Father, for Jesus died and rose again for us and we have eternal life in Him. Please help us testify about what we know about Jesus from reading the Bible, from the testimony of the Spirit, the Truth, in our hearts, and from the many wonderful blessings and observations we have received by the life and presence of Jesus in our lives—that many might believe and receive the gift of eternal life by believing in Jesus. 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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