



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 2 John 1:1-13

Lord Jesus, we pray that the good word about You, about Your teaching, life, death, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins and for bestowing the gracious gift of eternal life through faith in You would speed ahead and be honored. We also pray that Your children here in our midst and around the world would be delivered from wicked and evil people, for we know that not everyone has faith in the true God or believes the Bible is Your true Word. Please protect us and others from being misled by false teachers either inside or outside the church. We thank You for Your faithfulness to us and we trust that You will establish us on a firm foundation of faith in You and that You will guard us against the evil one—that no matter what happens to us in this life, we will not be defeated spiritually by the hostile forces of darkness arrayed against us. Dear Jesus, please increase our faith and make our love for the one true God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, steadfast. Lord Jesus, as we study Your Word help us come to know and love the truth—even You as THE Truth. Please abide in us, and by the Holy Spirit help us abide in the Truth. We trust that Your truth will abide in us and will abide in us forever. Please help us live in truth, in love, and in steadfast faith in God the Father and Jesus Christ the Father's Son. Help us walk in the truth and love one another as You intend. Please help us learn all Your commandments that we might walk in loyalty to You, and trust in the promise, “Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.” In Your 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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