

Ephesians 6:18-24

18. Praying ALWAYS with ALL [kinds of] PRAYER and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Definition: "SUPPLICATION" - Prayer that is HUMBLE and **EARNEST** (Fervent prayer with deep, sincere emotion or feeling).

- **James 5:16** "Confess your trespasses one to another, and _____ for one another that you may be _____. The _____ prayer of a righteous man avails (Accomplishes) much."
- **I Timothy 2:1** "Therefore I exhort first of all that _____ , _____ , **intercessions** and **giving of thanks**, be made on behalf of all men."
- **Philippians 4:6-7** "Be anxious for nothing, but **in everything** by _____ and _____ , with _____ , let your _____ be made known to God; and the _____ of _____ , which surpasses all understanding, will _____ your _____ and minds through Christ Jesus."
- **Colossians 4:2** "Continue _____ in _____ , being vigilant in it with _____ ."
- **Matthew 26:41** " _____ and _____ , lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Definition: "ALL KINDS OF PRAYER" - Just in the verses above, we have mentioned several KINDS of prayer: **supplication, intercessions** (praying for someone else), giving of **thanks**, petitions or **requests** (asking for our own needs). Also, there is the **prayer of praise and worship, spiritual warfare** prayer, **confession** of sin, and JUST HAVING A QUIET TIME and CONVERSATION WITH GOD.

Definition: "PRAYING in the SPIRIT" - The **Holy Spirit helps us** in our praying **when we really get SERIOUS about prayer**. This is not talking about the selfish or foolish requests we sometimes ask of God (see James 4:2-3), but when we are **sincere and earnest**, we don't have to worry about "not praying correctly" or "following a certain prayer formula" - just let God "fill in the blanks."

- **Romans 8:26-27** "likewise the _____ also _____ in our weaknesses. For we don not know what we should _____ for as we ought, but the _____ makes _____ for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. No He who _____ the _____ knows what the mind of the _____ is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the _____ of God."

19. And for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.

- **Colossians 4:3-4** "Meanwhile _____ also for us, that God would _____ to us a _____ for the _____ , to speak the manifest (clear, known), as I ought to _____ ."
- **Colossians 1:26-27** "The _____ which has been _____ from ages and generations, but now has been _____ to His saints. To them God willed to make _____ what are the riches of the glory of this _____ among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory."

Definition: "MYSTERY" - something **previously HIDDEN or not known**, that is **NOW REVEALED** by God. The "mystery" revealed here in Colossians 1:26-27 is

that **Christ Himself** will be **dwelling (living) in the Believer** - this was something TOTALLY UNKNOWN and not even IMAGINED in Old Testament times. In I Timothy 3:16 (see below), the "mystery" that is revealed is that God Himself came to Earth in the person of Jesus Christ.

20. For which I am an **AMBASSADOR** in chains; that in it I may **speak boldly**, as I ought to speak.

- **II Corinthians 5:18-20** "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has _____ the _____ of reconciliation, that is, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the _____ of reconciliation. Therefore we are _____ for Christ, as though God were pleading _____ ; **we implore you** on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

Definition: "AMBASSADOR" - A representative or messenger. God has GIVEN TO US the responsibility of REPRESENTING Jesus Christ to a lost world, and of giving them the MESSAGE of ETERNAL LIFE through Him.

21-23. But that you also may know my affairs and **how I am doing**, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; whom I have sent to you for this purpose, that **you may know our affairs**, and that he may **comfort your hearts**. Peace to the brethren, and love with faith, from **GOD the FATHER and the LORD JESUS CHRIST**.

- **I Timothy 2:5-6** "For there is one _____ and one mediator between God and man, the Man _____ , who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."
- **I John 5:19-21** "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might _____ who is true, and we are in _____ who is _____ , in _____ Jesus Christ. **THIS IS THE _____ AND ETERNAL LIFE**. Little children, guard yourselves from IDOLS."
- **I John 17:3-5** "And **this is ETERNAL LIFE**, that they may _____ You, the only _____ , and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 'I have glorified You on the Earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, _____ Me _____ with _____ , with the _____ which I had **WITH YOU before the world was**."

Definition: "God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" - The New Testament show us over and over again that Jesus is EQUAL to GOD the FATHER !! He is not a LESSER god on a scale of gods, and He is NOT merely a GOOD MAN or prophet, as many religions want to believe. **JESUS IS THE GOD-MAN, God who came in the FLESH**, in a HUMAN BODY to become our Savior and die on the cross for our sins.

- **I Timothy 3:16** "And without controversy great is the _____ of godliness: _____ was manifested (revealed) in the _____ , justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, _____ on in the world, received up in _____ ."
- **Revelation 22:3-4** "And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of **God and of the Lamb (Jesus)** shall be in it, and _____ servants shall serve _____ . They shall see _____ , and _____ name shall be on their foreheads."

NOTE: It says ONE throne and ONE name ("Him" not "Them," "His face" not "Their faces"). Compare with Zechariah 14:9 "And the Lord shall be King over all the Earth; in that day shall there be **ONE LORD, and His name ONE**." Jesus says in John 17:3-5 that He will SHARE GOD'S GLORY with the Father, the glory that He (Jesus)

ALREADY HAD with God the Father from all eternity, yet in Isaiah 48:11 God says **He will not share** His glory with ANOTHER !! Jesus **IS** God.

- **John 1:1-3 & 14** "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was _____ and the Word _____. He was in the _____ with God. All things were _____ through Him, and without Him _____ was made that was made. (Verse 14) "And the Word became _____ and dwelt among us, and we beheld His _____ , the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father, full of _____ and _____ ."

24. Grace be with all those who **LOVE our Lord Jesus Christ** in sincerity. Amen.

- **John 21:15-17** "So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do _____ Me more than these?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord; You know that I _____ You.' He (Jesus) said to him, 'Feed My lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?' He said to Him, 'Yes, Lord, You _____ that I _____ You.' He said to him, 'Tend My _____ .' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of Jonah, do you _____ Me?' Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, 'Do you love Me?' And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I _____ You.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed My _____ ."
- **John 14:21** "He who has My _____ and keeps them, it is he who _____ Me. And he who _____ Me will be loved by My _____ , and I will _____ him and manifest (show, reveal) Myself to him."
- **John 14:15** "If you _____ Me, _____ My _____ ."