

PRAY IN THE SPIRIT
Life in the Spirit
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τὴν περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ σωτηρίου δέξασθε καὶ τὴν μάχαιραν τοῦ πνεύματος, ὃ ἐστὶν ῥῆμα θεοῦ.¹⁸ Διὰ πάσης προσευχῆς καὶ δεήσεως προσευχόμενοι ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ ἐν πνεύματι, καὶ εἰς αὐτὸ ἀγρυπνοῦντες ἐν πάσῃ προσκαρτερήσει καὶ δεήσει περὶ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων

Eph 6:17-18 take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints

οὐ γὰρ ἐλάβετε πνεῦμα δουλείας πάλιν εἰς φόβον ἀλλὰ ἐλάβετε πνεῦμα υἰοθεσίας ἐν ᾧ κρᾶζομεν· αββα ὁ πατήρ

Rom 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1. REPENTANCE → JOY OF FORGIVENESS

- **Ps 51:8(10)** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- **Ps 51:12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- **1Pt 1:8-9** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory (ἀγαλλιᾶσθε χαρᾶ ἀνεκλαλήτῳ καὶ δεδοξαμένῳ),⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- **Rom 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of (1) righteousness and (2) peace and (3) joy in the Holy Spirit
- **Rom 12:11-13** Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.¹² **Rejoice in hope**, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints ...
[GOODWIN] To do all out of a sense of his excellency and glory that is in himself, this is to glorify him. But to do all out of a sense of his mercies to us, and our obligation unto him, this is thankfulness. (4

0.2. JOY OF SALVATION → THANKFULNESS

- **Heb 13:14-15** For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name
- Acts 8 → joy in Samaria
- **Acts 10:46** For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God (μεγαλυνόντων τὸν θεόν).

0.2.1. THE DANGER OF INGRATITUDE

- **Dt 32:15** But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, stout, and sleek; then he forsook God who made him and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation (Jakub jedol a nasytil sa, stučnel miláčik a spriečil sa, stučnel, vykřmil, vypásol sa; zanechal Boha, svojho Tvorcu, pohrdol Skalou svojej spásy)
- **Nu 14:22-23** none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, ²³ shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me (וְכָל-מְנַאֲצֵי) shall see it (všetci mužovia, ktorí videli moju slávu a moje znamenia, ktoré som robil v Egypte a na púšti, a pritom ma pokúšali desať ráz a nepočúvali môj hlas, ²³ nevidia krajinu, ktorú som prisahou sľúbil vašim otcom)
- → **Rom 1:21** For although they knew God, they did not honor him (οὐχ ὡς θεὸν ἐδόξασαν) as God or give thanks to him (ἢ ὑπαρίστησαν), but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened

0.2.2. PROTECTION FROM INGRATITUDE

- **1Thes 5:18** give thanks in all circumstances (ἐν παντὶ εὐχαριστεῖτε); for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you
- **Eph 5:20** giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
- **Col 2:7** rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (περισσεύοντες ἐν εὐχαριστίᾳ).
- **Col 3:15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful (καὶ εὐχάριστοι γίνεσθε)
- **Col 3:17** And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

0.3. THANKSGIVING → PRAYER

- **Col 4:2** Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving ⇒ motivated by what you have received

1. FELLOWSHIP IN THE SPIRIT

- (*koinos*), common, communal; (*koinoo*), make common or impure, defile, profane; (*koinoneo*), share, have a share in, participate in;
- fellowship → communication; sharing; partnership...
- **2Cor 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (ἡ κοινωνία τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν)
- **Phil 2:1** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit (εἴ τις κοινωνία πνεύματος), any affection and sympathy → complete my joy by being of the same mind
- → objective/subjective genitive

1.1. FELLOWSHIP WITH THE TRINITY

- **1John 1:3-4** ...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship (ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς κοινωνίαν ἔχητε μεθ' ἡμῶν) with us; and indeed our fellowship (ἡ κοινωνία δὲ ἡ ἡμετέρα) is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our¹ joy may be complete

1.2. SPIRITUAL SHARING

- **LOVE** → **Rom 5:5** God's love (ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ) has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us → objective/subjective genitive
- **INDIVIDUAL** → **Gal 2:19-20** I have been crucified with Christ. ²⁰ It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- **CHURCH** → **1Cor 10:16** The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ (οὐχὶ κοινωνία ἐστὶν τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ)? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

2. PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT

- **Jude 1:20-21** But you, beloved, **build yourselves up** in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹ **keep yourselves in the love of God**, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life (ὁμοίως δὲ, ἀγαπητοί, ἐποικοδομοῦντες ἑαυτοὺς τῇ ἀγιωτάτῃ ὑμῶν πίστει, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ προσευχόμενοι, ²¹ ἑαυτοὺς ἐν ἀγάπῃ θεοῦ τηρήσατε προσδεχόμενοι τὸ ἔλεος τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον)
- **Rom 8:26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words (Ὁσαύτως δὲ καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα συναντιλαμβάνεται τῇ ἀσθενείᾳ ἡμῶν· τὸ γὰρ τί προσευξώμεθα καθὼς δεῖ οὐκ οἶδαμεν, ἀλλὰ αὐτὸ τὸ πνεῦμα ὑπερευχαίνει στεναγμοῖς ἀλαλήτοις)
- **Eph 2:18** For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father (ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφοτέροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα)

2.1. TOGETHERNESS

- **Eph 2:22** In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit (συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι)
- **Mt 18:19-20** Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth (συμφωνήσωσιν) about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.
- **Heb 10:24-25** And let us consider how to **stir up one another** to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together (μὴ ἐγκαταλείποντες τὴν ἐπισυναγωγὴν ἑαυτῶν), as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near

2.2. INTERCESSION

- **Heb 7:25** Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them (εἰς τὸ ἐντυγχάνειν ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν)
- **Jas 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another (εὐχεσθε ὑπὲρ ἀλλήλων), that you may be healed.
- **Mt 5:44-45** But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you (προσεύχεσθε ὑπὲρ τῶν διωκόντων ὑμᾶς), ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

2.3. SPIRITUAL FIGHT

- **2Cor 1:10-11** He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. ¹¹ You also must help us by prayer (συνυπουργοῦντων καὶ ὑμῶν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν τῇ δεήσει → συν-υπουργέω), so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the

blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

3. TO REMEMBER

- The response to forgiveness is joy and *gratitude* that leads to thanksgiving/prayer.
- The fellowship in the Holy Spirit creates desire for communication, togetherness, prayer.
- Prayer in the Spirit is the strongest protection of salvation and the strongest weapon for the spreading of the Kingdom of God.