

# **Praying In Five Dimensions**

Parts 1-3

1.

• WE SEE IT\_\_\_\_\_

"Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen (in) what has been made, so that men are without excuse." ROMANS 1:20 (NIV)

"Can you fathom the limits and bounds of the greatness and power of God? The sky is no limit for God, but it lies beyond your reach! God knows the world of the dead, but you do not know it. God's greatness is broader than the earth, and wider than the sea." JOB 11:7-9 (TEV)

WE SEE IT \_\_\_\_\_

"The Word became a human being and lived among us! We saw his glory...and he was full of grace and truth!" JOHN 1:14 (NCV)

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." HEBREWS 13:8 (NIV)

"Grace & peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come." REVELATION 1:4 (NIV)

• WE SEE IT \_\_\_\_\_

"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you don't know where the wind comes from or where it's going. That's the way it is with everyone born of the Holy Spirit." JOHN 3:8 (GW)

"He does wonders that cannot be understood; he does so many miracles they cannot be counted. When he passes me, I can't see him; and when he goes by me, I don't recognize him!" JOB 9:10-11 (NCV)

#### 2. BECAUSE GOD IS MULTIDIMENSIONAL

"Where could I go to escape from you? Where could I ever get away from your presence? If I went up to heaven, you'd be there; if I lay down in the world of the dead, you'd be there. If I flew way beyond the east or lived in the farthest place in the west, you'd be there to lead me. You'd be there to help me. I could ask the darkness to hide me...but even darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are the same to you."

PSALM 139:7-12 (TEV)

## HOW TO PRAY IN FIVE DIMENSIONS

AS I PRAY...

1. I LOOK \_\_\_\_\_

"God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life...He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." 1 PETER 1:18-19 (NLT)

## THE CROSS REMINDS ME

- How deeply God loves me
  - How costly evil & sin is
- How completely I'm forgiven

### 2. I LOOK \_\_\_\_\_\_

"You should not act like cowering, fearful slaves, since God's Spirit has adopted you as children into God's Family! Instead, **by his spirit we simply cry out Abba! Father!** and God's Spirit affirms that we really are his children! And since we are now God's children, we're also heirs with Christ, and will share in both his suffering and his glory!"

ROMANS 8:15-17

## **GOD WANTS MY PRAYERS TO BE**

- Abba! Daddy! \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - Cry Out! \_\_\_\_\_\_

By His Spirit \_\_\_\_\_\_

### 3. I LOOK \_\_\_\_\_\_

"Examine yourself to see if your faith is real and growing. Test yourself. Remember that Jesus is living in you–unless you've failed your test." 2 CORINTHIANS 13:5

"Jesus, produce the Fruit of your Spirit in me today!"

## 4. I LOOK \_\_\_\_\_\_

"...Give yourself completely to God–every part of you–since you've been given a new life, and you want to be used as a tool in the hands of God, used for his good purposes." ROMANS 6:13 (LB)

#### 5. I LOOK \_\_\_\_\_

"I am confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until it is finished on the day of Christ Jesus." PHILIPPIANS 1:6

### WHAT WE REMEMBER IN COMMUNION

"DO THIS TO REMEMBER ME!" - JESUS COMMUNION REMINDS US TO CHECK OUR HEARTS "If anyone eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, that person is guilty of sinning against the Body and the Blood of the Lord. This is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking from the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without recognizing (committing to) the Body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died! **But if** we examine and judge ourselves, we will not be judged by God." **1 CORINTHIANS 11:27-31** 

Memorize Psalm 139:23-23

#### **COMMUNION REMINDS US OF 5 TRANSFORMING TRUTHS**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'" 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25 (NIV)

Q: When (time, day, or situation) am I most likely to forget how much my Heavenly Father loves me?

Q: What sin(s) do I habitually fall for when I forget God's love for me?

2. \_\_\_\_\_

"I hear that there are divisions among you when you **meet as a church**! (so)...When you **come together**, it is **not** the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat it, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else! One member goes hungry among you while another gets drunk!" **1 CORINTHIANS 11:18, 20-21** 

*Q:* What issue (or issues) have I made more important than being in harmony and unity with my brothers & sisters in God's Family?

Q: Would God be pleased with where my first loyalty has been?

"So, dear brothers and sisters, when you gather for the Lord's Supper wait for each other." 1 CORINTHIANS 11:33 (NLT)

Q: Can I give any example of where I've put the needs of my brothers & sisters in my church family ahead of my own needs?

Q: Do I know anyone in our church in need?

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and **I live in them**. The Living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father. So, whoever eats me will live because of me." JOHN 6:56-57 (NCV)

Q: What happens when I forget this fact?

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Jesus: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. **But** those who eat my flesh and drink my blood **have** eternal life, and I will raise them at the last day." JOHN 6:53-54 (NLT)

Q: Am I using my time and money as if all that matters is this life? Am I investing anything in the next life where I will spend eternity? What would change if I kept reminding myself to ask, "How long will this last?"

5.

"For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again!" 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26 (NLT)