

Prayer Series 2014, #3

So How Do I Do It?

Matthew 6:5-15

I. Context and Background

- A.** The Sermon on the Mount
- B.** Good News and Bad News
- C.** Against the religious establishment and a works approach to pleasing God
- D.** The Text VS 5-8
 - Do not be like them
 - Stand and pray to be heard by people
 - Receive their reward
 - Many words
 - Father knows
- E.** Luke 11 – Teach us to pray

II. The Main Idea

- A.** Praying to God
 - Only when we are conscious of His presence
- B.** Through the Lord Jesus Christ
 - Hebrews 10:19-22
 - John 14:6
 - For believers only
- C.** In the Holy Spirit
 - Ephesians 2:18
 - Romans 8:26-27
 - Psalms 66:18 – sin keeps us from God’s presence
- D.** Confidence
 - Matthew 6:7-8
 - I John 3:22 – why?
 - Are we one of the “we’s”

III. Our Father, Our Daddy

- A.** Not a Jewish term
 - Jesus always used this form
 - It was new with Jesus
 - He authorized His disciples to do the same

- 1.** We can have the same kind of relationship with God as Jesus did

B. God’s children can come to Him in prayer

- Children of God
- Children of the Devil
- John 8:10 ff

C. Abba

- Daddy
- Romans 8:15, Galatians 4:6
- Security and love
- He will help me as I grow
- He will care for me all my life
- Matthew 6:25, 28-33

IV. The Names of God

- A.** Your Name, Your Kingdom, Your will
- B.** Give us, lead us, deliver us
- C.** Hallowed
 - Holy
 - Sanctify
 - Give God the place in your heart that he deserves
 - My Father in heaven, my first desire is that in everything you might have pre-eminence.
- D.** The Names of God
 - Information
 - Application
 - There is none like Him

V. Thoughts

- A.** The pattern for prayer Jesus gives us starts with being in the presence of God and talking to Him. That isn’t ritual, it is relationship:
 - Through Jesus
 - In the Holy Spirit
 - With confidence
- B.** The prayer starts with surrender to God’s name, His Kingdom and His will.
 - Clearly prayer is not trivial
 - It is an awesome privilege!