

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-31 “That The Name of the Lord Jesus Christ May Be Glorified”

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2 THESS 1:11-12 “To this end we always pray for you, THAT our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² SO THAT the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In ALL of Paul’s Prayers, the goal has remained the same: That God and the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified, in and through the Believer. He expresses this in various ways, always desiring the same result. In this prayer, the object Paul desires is 2-fold:

- 1) That God may make them worthy of His calling;
- 2) That God may fulfill their pursuit of goodness, and works of faith

THAT THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The ultimate purpose of this Prayer is that “*the Name of the Lord Jesus be glorified...*” (vs12)

- “The Name” – In the Biblical era, both Old and New Testament, the use of “the Name” was the synonymous with invoking the “presence” of the person: His character; His conduct; His reputation; everything about Him... His Presence
- “The Person” – What HE would be doing... saying... expressing IF He was here... IN PERSON!
 - “IN the Name” – What He would be saying, praying, doing...
 - “The Name... A Name” – NOT just a “word” ... it is a proclamation of His Person – HE is Higher!
 - When the Disciples went from Jesus, they were to use HIS Name... What HE would do if present...
 - When “WE” use the Name of Jesus, we are proclaiming the Power and authority of HIS Presence / Authority

MAY BE GLORIFIED

“SO THAT the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him...”

- SO THAT... - As the Saints receive the results of the requests Paul has expressed, THIS is what Paul wants: That the Lord Jesus Christ:
 - “Be Glorified in YOU...” - In our Walk... In our Desire... In our Work... – It is the Lord Jesus Christ that is to be glorified... We should never be the object of glorification... It is HIM
- ACTS 3:12 “And when Peter saw it, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?”
- Vs16 “And HIS NAME—by faith in HIS NAME—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through JESUS has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.
- “And YOU [be glorified] in Him...” – What the Believers “do” in His Name is proclaimed in Heaven... and on Earth... as HE is the one who is glorified
As we “live-out” the manifestation of His grace HE is the One who is “Seen / Recognized / Proclaimed / Praised...”

ACCORDING TO THE GRACE

“According to the grace...” – None of our witness of / to the Lord can be accomplished w/o the “grace” that comes from Him...

“OUR GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

“of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ” – As we find some often in the writings of the New Testament, there is “definite” recognition of the individual Persons of the Godhead

- At times all “3” are mentioned in a passage...
- And as here there is a definite statement to God AND the Lord Jesus Christ

THIS IS PAUL’S DESIRE... THIS IS HIS PRAYER!