

***“Praying at all Times in the
Spirit”***

Eph 6:10-20

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Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. Not a result of works so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Isaiah 30:18

“Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.”

Isaiah 33:2-6

“² O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble. ³ At the tumultuous noise peoples flee; when you lift yourself up, nations are scattered, ⁴ and your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathers; as locusts leap, it is leapt upon. ⁵ The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, ⁶ and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion’s treasure.”

Isaiah 40:28-31

“²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary: they shall walk and not faint.”

On Prayer & Prayerlessness

Perhaps you've heard it said that prayerlessness is sin, but why is it sin?

- Because it is a sure sign that we're not seeking God, that we're growing cold toward him.
- Because it is the neglect of God himself.

On the Phrase, “In the Spirit”

1. *This phrase does not mean “spiritual” sounding or “Pentecostal.”*
2. *This phrase does mean, in essence, “in communion with God.”*

The word “in” in Eph 6:18 can be translated “by” so that the phrase is “by the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:13-18

“¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

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*¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ **For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.***”

Jude 1:20-21

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”