

The Trinity and Your Prayer Life

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Lewis said The Trinity is either the most ridiculous foolish thought conceptualized by man or else it is the most profound truth so distinctly beautiful found in Christianity alone. Now the question for us this morning is this What does this distinctly beautiful profound glorious truth found in Christianity alone have to do with the Christian's prayer life?

Many of you will know the saying that Everyone's an atheist until something goes wrong [REDACTED] When things go wrong and a business fails or a relationship starts giving you grief for someone you know or love becomes desperately unwell at that point most people 99% of people start to pray [REDACTED]

Verses 3 to 14 are one long sentence in the original Greek text of Ephesians.

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Here's the point. In our prayers, it's good for us to remind ourselves and to remind each other. And it's good to do this in some detail.

It's not a waste of time to rehearse the details of who God is and what God has done.

- [18 : 55] It's not a waste of time as I'm tempted to think, but instead it's very useful. Why?

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██████████, ██████████, ██████████, ██████████ So for the Christian
believer, it's a great ministry actually to ourselves and to one another, to meditate on and
rehearse the glory and the praise of the Trinity in our prayers.

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██████████, ██████████ But even when Paul moves to praying to ask
God for things, his trinitarian thinking comes through.

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take two quick examples.

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██████████, ██████████ Lots we can say about this prayer, enough I think
for another sermon.

[21 : 46] But for today, let's just notice what difference the Trinity makes to this prayer.

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of the son, for the spirit of wisdom and revelation to be given in extra measure to the
Christians.

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Notice the particularity, the specificity, he prays to God the father, of God the son, for God
the spirit to be at work.

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██████████, ██████████, ██████████ Let's look at the second
prayer from Ephesians 3, verse 14, a prayer for power.

██████████, ██████████ I read from verse 14, for this
reason I bow my knees before the father, that is God the father, verse 15, from whom
every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that according to the riches of his glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened
in your inner being with power through his spirit, God the spirit, and that Christ, God the
son, may dwell in your hearts through faith.

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homework to you, because my observation in ministry is that for many believers, the
Trinity has very little to do with our prayers.

Well, let me pray, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Now here's the prayer that I try and pray every day. [REDACTED]
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