



FORMED | PT 3 HOLY PRAYING & FORGIVING | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

1 JOHN 3:1-10

John contrasts two families: children of God and children of the devil ([1 John 3:8,10](#)). The decisive mark of family identity is habitual practice (ποιεῖν) of righteousness versus sin. Verse 9 answers the “how” behind a believer’s transformed ethic: an internal, divine principle—God’s seed—remains (μένει, present tense) within.

“BORN OF GOD”

REGENERATION FROM GOD, TO A CHILD OF GOD... GOD’S “SEED” REMAINS TO GROW OUT.

BORN: 1080. **GENNAÓ:** to regenerate -- bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered of

OF: 1537. **ek or ex:** properly, “*out from* and *to*” (the *outcome*); *out from within*. [1537](#) /*ek* (“out of”) is one of the most under-translated (and therefore mis-translated) Greek propositions – often being confined to the meaning “by.” [1537](#) (*ek*) has a two-layered meaning (“*out from* and *to*”) which makes it *out-come* oriented (out of the depths of the source and extending to its impact on the object). (HELPS WORD STUDIES)

SEED: 4690. **Sperma:** From speiro; something sown, i.e. Seed (including in human reproduction) by implication, offspring; specially, a remnant (figuratively, as if kept over for planting) -- issue, seed.

BEING BORN AGAIN IS AN INSTANT THING THAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE RECEIVES THEIR SALVATION... BUT JUST LIKE A NEW BABY IS BORN IN THE NATURAL, IT HAS TO BE RAISED UP AS IT GROWS!

EACH WEEK THE QUESTION HAS BEEN:

QUESTION: WHEN IT COMES TO DEVOTION, WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT UNDERMINE YOUR DEVOTION?

DEVOTION DEFINED: profound dedication, earnest attachment to a cause, person, etc., strong attachment (to) or affection (for a cause, person, etc) marked by dedicated loyalty (dictionary.com)

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: IS NOT ONLY ABOUT WHAT IS REMOVED FROM MY LIFE (THE SIN AND OLD SELF) BUT IT'S ALSO ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO MY LIFE, AS I'M BEING FORMED INTO THE IMAGE OF GOD (THROUGH HIS GRACE AND TRUTH, AND FOR HIS GLORY).

CORE TRUTH: NO, GOD IS NOT AN ALGORITHM, BUT MY LIFE OFTEN BECOMES WHAT I FOCUS ON AND WHAT I ALLOW IN IT.

TODAY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT PRAYER.

A SOLID PRAYER LIFE MATTERS... BUT IT'S NOT ABOUT LIFTING UP A BUNCH OF USELESS WORDS... IT'S ABOUT HEART POSTURE, THANKSGIVING, REFLECTION, AND TRUST!

WHAT IS PRAYER?

PRAYER IS NOT:

-convenient (discipline>habit>devotion)

Matthew 26:41

Romans 12:12

-complicated (it's not legalistic)

MATT 5:5-8

-Careless

Ephesians 6:18

-Critical

1 John 5:14

PRAYER IS:

-Communication

ISAIAH 28:23

-Communion

MARK 1:35

-Cure

James 5:16

-Confession

THE MODEL THAT JESUS PRESENTS FOR PRAYER:

MATTHEW 6:9-15

LET'S BREAK DOWN THE LORD'S PRAYER:

“Our Father in heaven”

approach Him as “Our Father”!

“hallowed be your name.”

This recognizes that God is holy!

“Your kingdom come,”

asking for a present tense movement

“your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

praying for God's perfect will to be done here on this earth!

“Give us this day our daily bread,”

This is the time when the request is shared.

“and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

This is **the time of confession**

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

God’s **hedge of protection!**

BACK TO:

14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, **15** but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

2 ISSUES THAT OFTEN AFFECT BELIEVERS AND SEEK TO DESTROY PRAYER LIVES:

- unhealthy worry (anxiety)
- bitterness (offense)

EPHESIANS 2:1-7

TRUTH: In Christ, I am positioned in purity, but I have a responsibility to ensure that anything in my life post-salvation (by his grace and mercy) pursues holiness, and that includes how I pray.

SIMPLIFIED: I am to become what I already am in position (with Christ Jesus), and my prayer life should model that.

GOD KNOWS THAT WE HAVE NEEDS, AND HE IS SENSITIVE TO THAT:

MATT 6:25-33

Righteousness: 1343. *Dikaioné*: dee-kah-yos-oo'-nay *judicial approval (the verdict of approval)*; in the NT, *the approval of God ("divine approval")*.

1 PETER 1:13-21

MARK 11:12-25

WHY DID HE CURSE THE FIG TREE???

Symbolically, the fig tree represented the spiritual deadness of Israel, who while very religious outwardly with all the sacrifices and ceremonies, were spiritually barren because of their sins.

Forgiveness is a transformative act that reflects the heart of the Gospel. It is an acknowledgment of the grace that believers have received through Jesus, and it unties your heart from the hurt.

Forgiveness also serves as a powerful witness to the world.

Our culture is often marked by vengeance and retribution... but we are called to be set apart from the world.

LET'S BE CLEAR...

FORGIVENESS DOES NOT = STUPIDITY (IF YOU ARE BEING ABUSED, GET AWAY FROM YOUR ABUSER)

FORGIVENESS DOES NOT ALWAYS = IMMEDIATE TRUST

FORGIVENESS DOES = RELEASE

FORGIVENESS DOES = MERCY AND GRACE

FORGIVENESS DOES = CHRISTLIKENESS

JESUS CONNECTS PRAYER TO FORGIVENESS AND BELIEF WITHOUT DOUBT ... AND HE SAYS WHATEVER WE ASK IN THAT KIND OF PRAYER, WITH THAT KIND OF HEART, IT WILL BE OURS...

Practical Ways to Reflect Christ's Forgiveness

- 1. Prayer and Reflection:**
- 2. Seek Reconciliation:**
- 3. Practice Empathy:**
- 4. Release the Offense:**
- 5. Cultivate a Forgiving Spirit:**

HEBREWS 12:7-17;28-29