

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 3/29/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 3:13-21](#)

TITLE: “AGAIN ON HIS KNEES, PART I”

INTRO:

1. This passage is pivotal to our understanding and application of the book of Ephesians/understand the _____-Ephesians 1-3; implement the _____-Ephesians 4-6.
2. We will spend several weeks on this prayer looking at it from different directions. Significant resource for my study of this section/John MacArthur’s notes on *Ephesians 3:14-21*, “Turning On Spiritual Power.”
3. This passage is connected like the links of a bracelet/one _____ leads directly to another...
4. The ultimate goal of the prayer is stated in *Ephesians 3:21*/that God would be glorified.

PROPOSITION: Pray for one another and plug into the
POWER.

- I. THE PETITION TO GOD, *Ephesians 3:13, 14*.
 - A. A Prayer For Enlightenment, [Ephesians 1:15-23](#)/ _____ your resources!
 - B. A Prayer For Enablement, *Ephesians 3:13-21*/ _____ your resources!
- II. PAUL’S PLEA FOR BELIEVERS, *Ephesians 3:16*.
 - A. God Is The Motivator And Source Of The Power.
 - B. Accept And Employ What God Has Granted.
- III. THE REASON FOR PAUL’S PRAYER, *Ephesians 3:14*/[Ephesians 2:19-22](#).
 - A. Church Indwelt...
 - B. Church Effective...
- IV. THE PURPOSE OF PAUL’S PRAYER, *Ephesians 3:16-19*.
 - A. The Eternal Triune God “In Us.”

- B. Ignorance, Apathy, And Carnality Are Unacceptable.
- V. THE FOCUS ON THE FATHER, *Ephesians 3:14*.
- A. Acceptance/He _____ In Anticipation.
- B. Connection/Jesus Christ, cf. [Galatians 4:47](#).
- VI. THE POINT OF PAUL'S PRAYER, *Ephesians 3:16-19*.
- A. Provision Of Spiritual Needs, cf. [Philippians 1:9-11](#); [Colossians 1:9-13](#).
- B. Protection In Spiritual Warfare, [Ephesians 6:10, 11 & 18](#).
- VII. THE PERSEVERANCE OF A PRAYER WARRIOR.
- A. *Ephesians 6:18*-"Praying _____..."
- B. [Philippians 1:3, 4](#)-"thanking God for you/making requests with _____"
- C. [Romans 12:12](#)-"continuing steadfastly in prayer."
- D. [Colossians 4:2](#)-"_____ earnestly in prayer being vigilant."
- E. [Philippians 4:6](#)-"but in everything by prayer."
- F. [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)-"pray _____ ceasing."
- G. [Luke 11:5-10](#)-"ask & seek & knock."
- H. [Luke 18:1-8](#)-"men always ought to pray and not lose heart."
- VIII. POSTURES IN PRAYER.
- A. Some Scriptural Positions.
1. Standing-[Genesis 18](#).
 2. _____-*1 Corinthians 17*.
 3. Prostrate-[Matthew 26](#).
- B. The Significance Of Bowing The Knee.
1. Worship.
 2. Intense passion and emotion.
- IX. GOD'S FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND EARTH, *Ephesians 3:14-15*.
- A. The Wrong Interpretation.
- B. The Right Interpretation.
- X. THE PORTION REQUESTED FOR BELIEVERS, *Ephesians 3:16*/"according to the _____ of His glory..."

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you on praying ground?
2. Do you see the seriousness of this call to prayer?