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EPHESIANS

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OF THE BELIEVER

Pray, Pray, Pray
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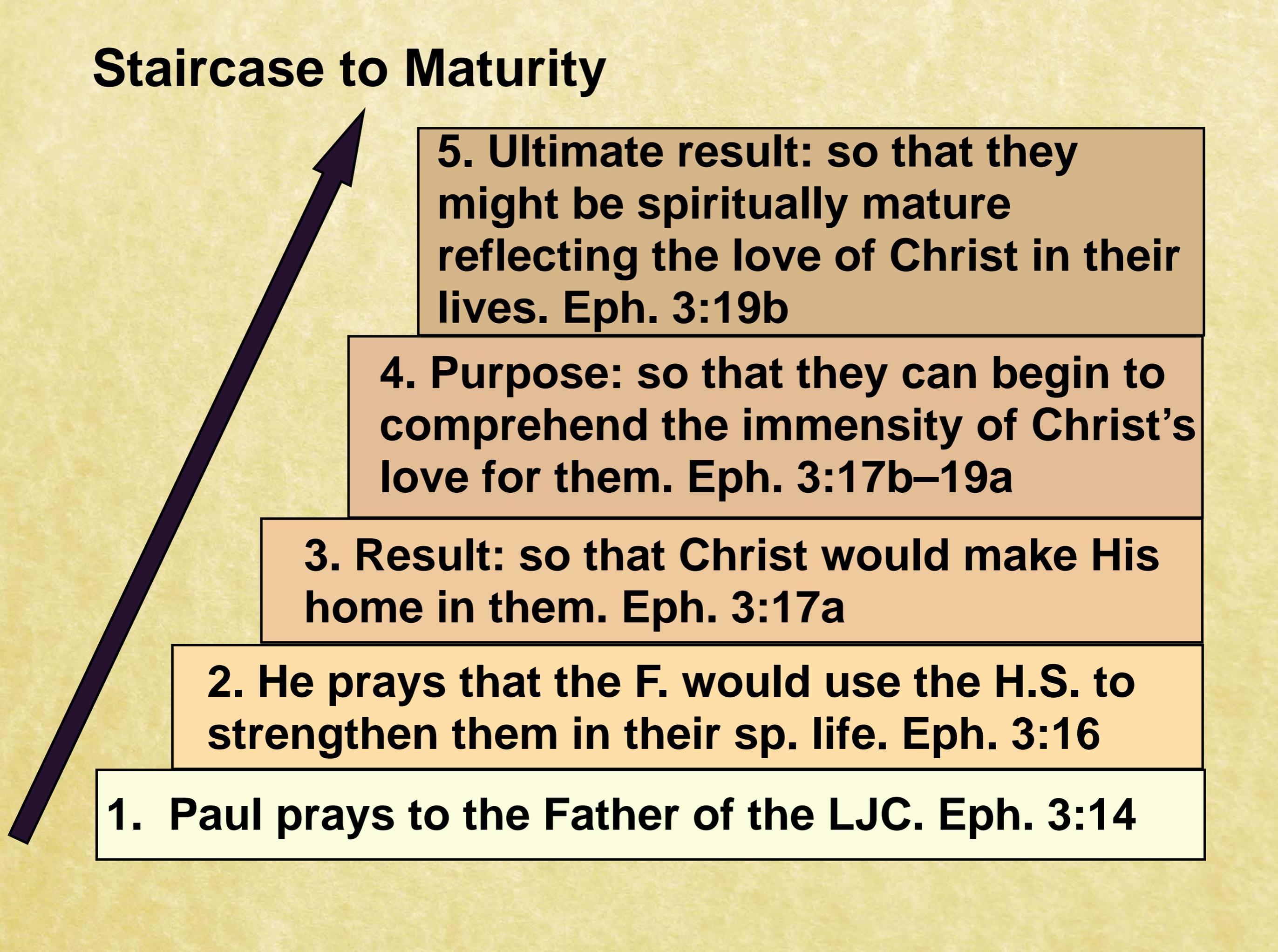
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What the Bible Teaches About Prayer



I. Definition:

Prayer is the believer's vital communication link to his heavenly Father.

2. Elements of prayer

C Confession

A Adoration

T Thanksgiving

S Supplication

Intercession

Petitions

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b. Jesus instructed the disciples to pray to the Father in the upper room discourse.

John 16:23, “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.”

John 16:26, “In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;”

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c. Jesus is our High Priest, we do not pray to the High Priest.

Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb. 4:16, “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

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 - d. We are to give thanks to the Father.**

Col. 1:3, “We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,”

Col. 1:12, “giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

Col. 3:17, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Eph. 5:20, “always giving thanks to God the Father for each other in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”

1 Pet. 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”

Rom. 8:26, “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Rom. 8:27, “Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”

Rom. 8:34, “Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.”

Heb. 7:25, “Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Conclusion on Prayer

We must learn to pray, teach our children to pray, make prayer an habitual, non-negotiable practice in our lives.