

1st John # 86

“A Sin that leads to Death” *1st John 5:16-17*

**Jesus Christ did not rely on His deity to live the prototype spiritual life that is the example for our operational type spiritual life which mimics His in being dependent on two things:**

**1. Biblical truth to guide us and 2. The filling of the Holy Spirit to empower us.**

Reliance on these two power options caused the humanity of Christ to withstand temptation and testing, the likes of which we will and could never see.

**And how did Jesus withstand such intense testing?**

It wasn't because He relied on His deity;

it was because He was constantly filled with the Holy Spirit, Who taught Him biblical truth and therefore, He had so much of God's Word in His soul that He was able to apply it to every situation He faced.

**We must know the will of God before we enter into a serious prayer life and we can only know the will of God through consistent study of the Word of God.**

Knowing the Word of God means knowing the will of God which leads to knowing what to pray for and what not to pray for.

**In spiritual childhood, our prayers are not very effective because most of our requests are related to arrogance and our intercessions are only for people we like, but as we grow, we learn that all intercessory prayers must be impersonal.**

Every effective prayer is related to our Heavenly bank account of invisible assets; first, during the function of our royal priesthood before God as a primary asset and secondly, during the function of our Christian service production to others as a secondary asset.

**If we're ever going to have any power in prayer, it must be on a grace basis and grace begins with the Person to whom we address our prayers.**

Prayer is always addressed to God the Father in the name of the Son because the Son is our High Priest and in the power of the Spirit because God the Holy Spirit is the power in prayer.

*Prayer ultimately depends upon God, so no one has any great ability in prayer because of who or what they are.*

**So, prayer is the privilege and extension of grace that we neither earn, deserve nor work for.**

It's impossible to approach God in prayer on the basis of human good or human merit and as believer-priests, we approach God in prayer on the basis of our High Priest, Jesus

Christ's merits and that's grace.

*The Father is completely satisfied with the work of Jesus Christ but He's not a respecter of persons offering prayer and so, God does not hear my prayer because I am fervent, moral, sincere, religious, self-sacrificing or eloquent; He hears my prayers because I operate through His grace system by the ministry of God the Son and God the Holy Spirit so I can neither earn, deserve nor work for the right to be heard.*

**This means we're born physically alive and spiritually dead, separated from God, so that if we die before reaching accountability, we automatically go to Heaven.**

Adam made a decision for the entire human race, so our sins are not imputed to us, but to Jesus Christ on the cross.

**The only preparation for the believers death is the believer's spiritual life, so God's choice of timing, manner and place of our death is related to whether we execute our spiritual life or not.**

God's decision as to time, manner and place of our death is always based on His integrity and His love.

*In all matters of life and death, God's timing is perfect because God is perfect, so for the winner believer, dying is the most wonderful part of life; while for the loser believer, it's the most fearful and dreadful time in life.*

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*The sin that leads to death must refer to a specific physical death experience, after a period of self-induced misery, so it is the end result of extreme divine discipline.*