

Wednesday night Bible Study--June 8, 2011

Prayer and Possessing Christ

Intro.

- John Bunyan—"If thou art not a praying person, thou art not a Christian."
- Richard Baxter—"Prayer is the breath of the new creature."
- George Herbert—"Prayer...the soul's blood."
- Chad Elliott (humbly, in light of the above)—"Please, Lord, help me!"

Hebrews 4:14-16

"We have..."

- The reality of God in our lives...nothing is more real.
- We need to be reminded of what "we have".
- How *real* is God to you, day by day?
- The life of faith directly affects our life of prayer.

"Jesus, the Son of God" (a sympathetic High Priest)

- "We have"...we possess...not just an idea, but a PERSON.
- We possess, have a relationship with God Himself, in Christ.
- A relationship implies/requires communication.
- Prayer is natural, if we vividly and personally possess Christ.

"Draw near with confidence"

- Remember who God is and who we are.
- Remember Jesus, our only hope for bold access.
- Prayer is an awe-inspiring, precious privilege.

"Receive mercy and find grace"

- God's mercy is everlasting.
- God's grace is abundant and inexhaustible.
- "Ask, and it shall be given to you."

"In time of need"

- Our time of need is always.
- Cultivate a *Disposition of Dependence* (and of praise)

Conclusion