”The Power of Prayer”
(Where the Ordinary becomes Extraordinary)
I John 5:13-15

WHO WE NEED TO KNOW v.13

- God reveals Himself through Christ. Ref. **John 1:1-18, Colossians 1:15-20**
- The Bible contains everything we need for faith & life. Ref. **John 20:31, 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-2**, WCF Chapter 1. Sections 1,2 & 6.

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW v.14

WSC-Q. 98: What is Prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

- God alone is the recipient of our prayers. Ref. **Psalm115:4-8, Isaiah 45:20**.
- God does not hear the prayers of the wicked. **Jeremiah 14:11-12, Isaiah 59:1-2**
- We learn how to approach God through His appointed means rather than our own ideas.Ref. **Leviticus 10:1-3**

“A man cannot glorify God by adding any new degree of glory to him”

John Flavel

1. God’s Promises-What God himself does for us. Ref. **Genesis 3:15, Revelation 22:20**
2. God’s Precepts-What God commands us to do. Ref. **Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Peter 1:3**
3. God’s Prophecies-What God has foretold will come to pass. Ref. **John 10:28-29; 14:1-3; 16:33, Romans 8:28-30**

WHY WE NEED TO KNOW v.15

- So we can pray confidently, obey God and grow in fellowship with Him. Ref. **James 4:2-4, 1 John 3:21-24**

“God's Word must be the rule of our prayers. Divine precepts, what God commands us to act; divine promises, what God engages Himself to do for us; and divine prophecies, what God has foretold will come to pass; are the bounds of our prayers. Whoever goes beyond these limits in his requests wanders to his loss."

George Swinnock
The Christian Man's Calling

- Knowing God and His word helps us pray according to His will rather than merely seeking our own desires Ref. **Psalm 73:25-28**
- We have an emboldening peace. Ref. *“let us in with confidence drawn near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and finding grace to help in the time of need”* **Hebrews 4:16**