

The Intercessory Life
Isaiah 59:16; Hebrews 7:25

We Were Created to Connect with Our Creator – Jo 17:3,22-24; I Jo 1:1-10

- In our union with Christ, we become “co-heirs” with Him – Ro 8:16-17
 - ...“co-crucified” (Ro 6:6; Ga 2:20)... “co-buried” (Ro 6:4; Col 2:12)... “co-seated” (Eph 1:20;2:6)
 - ...“co-rected”: put back on course – Eph 1:3-14
 - ...“co-missioned” as “co-laborers” – Jo 20:21; I Cor 3:9; II Cor 6:1
- We are called to co-labor as intercessors – Matt 10:8
 - ...to take all we freely received and freely put it into the service of others – II Cor 9:7-15

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- Living with uncommon (godly) sense in a common (ungodly) world – Is 59:20-21; Col 2:6
 - ...living with the mindset of Christ – I Cor 2:16; Phil 2:3-7
 - ...God moves us from believing in Jesus to believing like Jesus – Mk 10:42; Phil 2:5
- Intercession is not a job we perform, it is a Life that we live – Col 3:4
 - ...must be voluntary – “I’ll be for others” – Phil 2:6-7
 - (we see a need, and run to address it; we see a gap, and run to fill it)
 - ...voluntary offering of ourselves to God for the sake of another – Phil 2:17,19-21,30
 - (Jesus threw out the spirit of self-interest and self-service – Jo 2:13-16)
- We come off our “mountain tops” and descend to the “valleys” – Matt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36
 - ...we put ourselves in God’s place and His interests in others – Phil 2:3,4
- It is a cooperation with His operation – Ro 8:27,34; Heb 7:25
 - ...our freedom is to lovingly serve others – Ga 5:13
 - ...our freedom is for an “out-lived” life – Phil 2:7
 - (= emptied out: rights, privileges... poured out: resources, gifts)
- Intercession may take the form of...
 - ...His acceptance (Ro 15:7; Lk 15:2)... His compassion (Mk 1:41)... His service (Mk 10:45; Lk 22:27)
 - ...Mostly, it takes the form of “dying” – II Cor 4:10-12; Jo 12:24
- Intercessors are “Living Sacrifices/Sacraments” – Ro 12:1-2; 6:13; II Cor 4:14,15
 - ...our supply + need(s) of others(s) = ministry... of intercession

GOD’S ULTIMATE INTENT IS OUR ULTIMATE PRIVILEGE – TO CO-LABOR WITH HIM TO LOVE THE WORLD TO HIMSELF!