

Session #1 – “No Magic Formula”
Romans 8:26

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Prayer: One of God’s (Many) Designated Channels of His Grace – Jer 29:11-13; Ps 90:15-16; Dan 9:3

- All praying starts with Divine initiative – Jer 33:3; Rev 3:20
...the issue is not “therapeutic”, it is “thee-ological” – Jo 14:6
- The passions and purposes of Christ – John 17

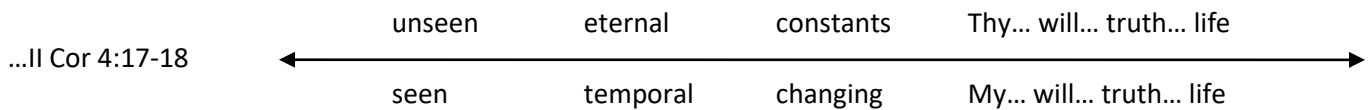
Passion

- ...Oneness/Union/Fellowship (17:11,21-22)
- ...Truth (17:14,17)
- ...Self-expenditure (17:19)
- ...Reveal Father-heart of God (17:4-5,25-26)

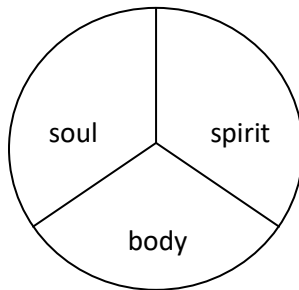
Purpose

- ...Fruitfulness (Jo 15:1-5)
- ...Liberty (Jo 8:32ff)
- ...Life for others (Phil 2:3-7)
- ...Glorify God (I Cor 10:31)

- Praying in the “name of Jesus” – Jo 14:14; 20:21
...“ask what I would ask for”
- Moving from “self-consciousness” to “God-consciousness” – Col 3:1-4



...Heb 4:12; I Thess 5:23



...God “knocks”... we speak/He listens... He speaks/we listen... re-center in God’s “story” – Rev 3:20

Opening Up to God (not to prayer)

- Pray honestly... humbly... hopefully – Psalms, I Cor 4:7; I Pet 5:6,7; I Tim 1:1; Col 1:27
- God gives us... Himself – I Pet 1:3,4