

Question 106

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Q. 106. In whose name should we pray?

A. 106. Only in the name of Christ.

Scripture Base: John 8:29, John 14:13-14,
John 16: 23-33, Acts 12:1-19b, 1 Pet. 3:18

Doctrine: WCF 21:3 SC 98

Supplementary Questions

1. What does it mean to pray in the name of Christ?
2. What has Jesus Christ done so that God will hear prayer?
3. What does Jesus promise if you ask for something in His name?

Song: "Let Us Pray" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q 105: What is prayer? – *Prayer is asking God for things which He has promised to give.*

Reading: Acts 12:1-19b - The prayer for Peter's release.

Questions

1. It means to pray for something He wants you to have. You must ask for things that will glorify the Father (Jn 14:13). You must ask for the things He has promised to give you (as we saw last week). This means you can't use prayer to get whatever you might want to have. Ask God for something on the basis of what Jesus has done.

2. He obeyed His Father perfectly. Everything Jesus did was pleasing to His Father (Jn 8:29). He was even willing to obey the Father by going to the cross to pay for the sins of His people (1 Pet. 3:18). In doing this, He became our Mediator, who stands between us and God (1 Tim. 2:5-6), and who makes our prayer acceptable to Him.

3. If you ask for something He has promised (1 Jn 5:14), and if you ask in His name (trusting in Him to make your prayer acceptable), He will answer it. "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*" (Jn 14:13-14). If you were to ask the king of another country for something, he may or may not give it to you. But if his son asked him for something, he would give it to him. The King's Son, Jesus, is willing to come to His Father to get for us the things we need.

Gospel: You could go to the Father directly if you had obeyed Him perfectly, if you always did what was pleasing to Him, and He would give it to you. But since you haven't, and only Jesus has, you must ask the Father in the name of Jesus. But remember, you may only use Jesus' name if you have trusted in Jesus as your Savior and submitted to Him as your Lord. If you haven't, then the only prayer He has promised to hear from you is that of faith and repentance (Luke 23:42-43). Trust in Jesus first; obey Him; love Him; and He will give you what you desire (Ps. 37:4).

Activity: "Pray In Jesus' Name" Worksheet

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