



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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11/8/23 - Lesson 42
“Praying Like John & Jude”

3 John 2

ESV, Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.

KJV, Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

I. Pray...

...that our fellow believers will have the health and resources available at their disposal (*that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health*) to advance the gospel of Christ’s kingdom as they grow in grace and are strengthened in their faith (*as it goes well with your soul*).

II. Note...

...that this is truly a prayer for advancement of Christ’s kingdom; and not a catch-all proof text for the false health, wealth, and prosperity doctrines.

Gaius was on a “good journey” (spiritually speaking), and John prayed that his health and livelihood would match the vigor of his walk of faith.

Jude 2

*ESV, May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.
KJV, Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.*

I. From v2, Pray...

...that God's mercy, peace, and love, which are graces that the Christian believer possess, but that they would "abound," "be increased" or "be multiplied" (Gk. πληθυνθείη).

Jude 20-21

ESV, But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

KJV, But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, ²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

II. From vv20-21, Pray...

...that, since others are praying for us to abound in God's mercy, peace, and love, we should continue to build ourselves up in our most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, so that we stay in the love of God until the merciful return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

III. What does it mean when he says, "*praying in the Holy Spirit*"?

Keep these verses in mind...

1 Cor 14:15a *ESV, What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; KJV, What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also:*

Rom 8:26-27, *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.²⁷ And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*