

**New Testament Prayer**  
*Prayer changes the believer*

- I.** Review of different types of prayer (*cf.* Phil. 1:9).
1. Adoration, worship, intercession, supplication, vow, confession, and thanksgiving.
  2. The types of communication are not mutually exclusive.
  3. Not all types of prayer require an answer.
  4. Most of our communication should be thanksgiving and worship.
  5. All communication is to the Father, through the Son, and by the Holy Spirit (Heb. 4:14-16).
- II.** More on thanksgiving.
1. Will be part of God's plan in the ages to come (Rev. 7:12).
  2. It is a result of Spirit filling (Eph. 5:20).
- III.** Paul's special, personal relationship to Christ (1 Cor. 15:5 *cf.* vv. 7-9; Eph. 4:10-11).
1. Paul 'saw' Christ on the Damascus Road (Acts 9:3; 22:8-10; 26:14-16). Note: "*appearance*" is used twice in Acts 26:16 in two different tenses, one punctiliar past, and the other future in a linear sense. The term has the idea of 'being seen'.
  2. Paul spent three years in Arabia after the 'Road' before going to Damascus (Gal. 1:17-18, 12; Acts 9:19).
  3. Paul met with Christ repeatedly and received New Testament revelation directly from Him (*e.g.*, Gal. 1:12; 1 Cor. 11:23).
  4. Paul asked Christ personally three times, during these appearances, to remove his pain, *i.e.*, three different appearances (2 Cor. 12:4-9).
  5. Paul personally thanked Christ for the ministry entrusted to specially to him as under-rower (1 Tim. 1:12; Rom. 16:25).