

Sermon Notes for March 10, 2024

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Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you in today's service?

2. How would you define Christian prayer?

3. Matthew Henry wrote, "You may as soon find a living man who does not breathe, as a living Christian who does not pray." Do you agree with Matthew Henry? Why or why not?

4. Is prayer, according to Ephesians 6:18, something we do after we have put on Christ and are standing firm in him or is it the means through which we put on Christ and stand firm in Christ? Explain.

5. What would you tell the person who says they pray all the time but seldom, if ever, read the Bible? Can someone have a good and effective prayer life who at the same time neglects or even rejects the Bible? Explain.

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