**Prayer 4**

**When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, we are adopted into God’s family.**

***Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2 And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name.Your kingdom come. 3 Give us each day our daily bread, 4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”* Luke 11:1-3**

**To start our prayers with Father is to place ourselves humbly in submission to Him.**

***hallowed be your name.***

**Only when we have fully humbled ourselves will we be able to relate to God appropriately.**

***4…God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.***  **Galatians 4:4-5**

***Your kingdom come.***

**Refusal to submit to God’s rule is at the heart of all human problems.**

***Give us each day our daily bread***

**We don’t ask for our personal needs until we have spend adequate time thinking of the glory of God**

*…****give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me,***

***9 lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the Lord?” or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.* Proverbs 30:8-9**

**Once we have properly ordered our heart, we are far more likely to ask for things that are appropriate.**

***and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.***

***15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*  Matthew 6:15**

**Another person’s lack of remorse does not release me from the spiritual requirement of forgiving them.**

**If we don’t see ourselves as sinful first, then we will never be able to forgive others.**

***And lead us not into temptation.”***

**God does allow the influences of this world to tempt us with trials and difficulties.**

**Praying consistently and proactively will better equip us by raising our opinion of God while keeping in mind the reality of our own sinfulness.**