

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

We Need Bread **Matthew 6:9-11**

*“Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.”*

Seven words – Six major points:

- **Give – us – this day – our – daily – bread**

Our foundation for everything prayed here is who
we are praying to

- **“Our Father”**
- There is nothing singular about this prayer
- Any **“my”** only has meaning within **“Our”**
(including Jesus)

Romans 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in
Christ, and **individually** members of one another.”

I Corinthians 10:17, “For we, though many, **are one
bread** and one body; for **we all partake of that one
bread.**”

There is no isolated, singular individuality **in Christ!**

- He is the only singular individuality, and
that...
- **With the Father and the Holy Spirit**
- Apart from being **One together** in Him – **we
are nothing!**
- **Matthew 5:3**

There is no such thing as an American Christian!

- **In Christ** there can only be **Christian
Americans**

- No Republican, Democrat, conservative or
liberal Christians

Galatians 3:28, “There is **neither Jew nor
Greek**, there is **neither slave nor free**, there is
neither male nor female; for you are all **one in
Christ Jesus.**”

- **Anything** before Christ, supposedly **defining
our faith** in Christ...
- **Is Heresy!**

I Corinthians 1:12, “Now I say this, that each of you
says, ‘I am of Paul,’ or ‘I am of Apollos,’ or ‘I am
of Cephas,’ or ‘I am of Christ.’ **Is Christ divided?**”

Titus 3:10-11, “Reject a divisive man after the first
and second admonition, knowing that such a
person is warped and sinning, being self-
condemned.”

Is this making anyone uncomfortable?

- **Good!** If it is, it needs to.

Anything other than oneness in Him, **misrepresents
Him**

- This includes doctrinal I.D. labels
- Calvinist, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal,
etc.
- **Christ is none of those.** Some are in Him
- Never to the exclusion of each other who
are

Ephesians 2:14-16, "For **He Himself is our peace**, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making **peace**, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity."

Peace = Set at one again... Restored, relational safety & security

- **With the Father, in Christ, with each other**

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If we can't embrace that identity without reservation...

- Then don't pretend to pray the prayer
- Because Christ doesn't offer anything less
- Or anything else

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Romans 12:3, "For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think"

That gives us a good start on the "us" and "our" when asking for the bread

- We know **who** we are talking to...
- On **whose** authority, and about **whom**

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Since we're not asking **by ourselves**...

- We're not asking only **for ourselves**

Our relationship with God in Christ is always about **more than ourselves**

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Philippians 2:3-4, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

He wants to **give through us**

- Feeding the five thousand...
- He gave **through** them, from what they had

- Do we ask **so we will be able to give to others?**

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A story about my mother

Do we realize He wants to give **to us... through us?**

- If not, **why not?**
- What He gives is "**Ours**"