

“BY THE SPIRIT”

Praying in the Spirit - Part 1

John 14:16–17; Ephesians 1:13–14; Ephesians 2:22; Romans 8:15–27

1. “We” - we cry

Question: “How does the “we cry” help your life of prayer?”

2. “Cry”

- ‘kratzo’ - see all NT references below: Matt 14.30; 9:27; Mk 6:49; John 19:12; Luke 19:40
- a. Creation groans - v22
- b. We groan - v23
- c. Spirit groans - vv26-27

Question: “What life situations have caused you to “cry” to God in the Spirit?”

- Romans 8:28–29

Question: “How does the “we cry” help your life of prayer?”

3. “Abba”

- dadda - John 14:23

Question: “How does the “we cry, “Abba”” help your life of prayer?”

4. “Father”

- Not starting with “Lord”

Question: “How does the “we cry, “Abba, Father.”, help your life of prayer?”

Conclusion

What does each of these four points mean for you and your ‘group’?

1. We - communal
2. Cry - real
3. Abba - relationship
4. Father - safe

- How will you adjust the way you pray as a result of what the Spirit has made possible?
- Suggestion: Use Romans 8.15 as a prayer frame for a week - “We cry, “Abba, Father.””
- Do you have questions about the Spirit? Send them to malcolm@malcolmcox.org.

* “Cry” (katzo): Matt. 8:29; 9:27; 14:26, 30; 15:22–23; 20:30–31; 21:9, 15; 27:23, 50; Mark 3:11; 5:5, 7; 9:24, 26; 10:47–48; 11:9; 15:13–14; Luke 4:41; 9:39; 18:39; 19:40; John 1:15; 7:28, 37; 12:44; Acts 7:57, 60; 14:14; 16:17; 19:28, 32, 34; 21:28, 36; 23:6; 24:21; Rom. 8:15; 9:27; Gal. 4:6; James 5:4; Rev. 6:10; 7:2, 10; 10:3; 12:2; 14:15; 18:2, 18–19; 19:17