Text: “For yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory, forever. Amen.”

Getting Started

This verse is considered the doxology of the Lord’s Prayer, meaning “doxa” equals “honor” and “logy” or “logos” means word. Therefore, put the two definitions together and you have “words of honor”. The Lord’s Prayer is embedded in this doxology and serves as a succinct reminder of what we have and who we are in Christ.

Our sin nature drives us to want to rule a kingdom, have all power, and get all glory. It’s what Satan tempted Adam and Eve with in the garden of Eden, and it’s what he tempts us with today.

What prayer could you start your day with that would remind you that only God should rule kingdoms, have all power, and get all glory?

What could you say to remind yourself to ‘die to self’?

Going Deeper

I. His **Position of Authority:** “Yours is the Kingdom”

  v Bestows Vision
  v Brings Value

-In a kingdom with a king there is no democracy, but when the King in his democracy chooses you to be in His kingdom then there is devotion to his decrees-

Our culture sends us many messages encouraging us to pursue our own dreams and live life to the fullest. While this sounds good on the surface, as Christians, we must realize that pursuing dreams and living life to the fullest must be done through the vision of our relationship to God. **What is your contribution to the kingdom? Since Jesus lives in you, how can you show Him to the world?**
II. His **Purpose in Ability**: “the Power”

- **Expand Capacity**
- **Enable Capability**

- Reject labels, for the blood of Jesus that covers you won’t allow them to stick-

**Read** Ephesians 1:18-21 and Colossians 1:28-29. These verses teach us that the same power that raised Jesus from the grave lives in us! God is all-powerful, and He puts His power in us. God’s power is never to be used in a self-serving, self-promoting way. It is to be used to show the Person of God to everyone around us and help us help them to grow to maturity in Christ. **How are you helping others grow in Christ? Where is this happening in your life?**

III. His **Praise as Almighty**: “the Glory”

- The fame and renown of God demonstrated by His character of consistency on display to His creation, thus leading one to echo worth, honor, and gratitude in return-

**Read** Romans 11:33-36. Make a list with your group of some of the things you can give God glory for, and share them out loud.

IV. His **Place of Autonomy**: “Forever”

- **Forever Satisfied** (Needing Nothing)
- **Forever Qualified** (Acquiring Nothing)

- Because God operates from forever, no beginning, no end, He lacks nothing in this world, for He owns the world, but in it all He pursues you in order to call you His own-

**Reflect** on this reality for a minute before discussing it. God, who needs nothing, still chooses to pursue you. Wow!
Read Romans 5:6-8. What does this tell you about your worth?

V. His Promise in Accuracy: “Amen”

Read 2 Corinthians 1:20. ‘Amen’ means ‘Let it be, it is true, I agree.’

Now that we have concluded this message series, how can praying the Lord’s Prayer slowly and sincerely make an impact on your spiritual health each day?

What have you learned from this message series?

Prayer Requests