

PBC Growing in Christ

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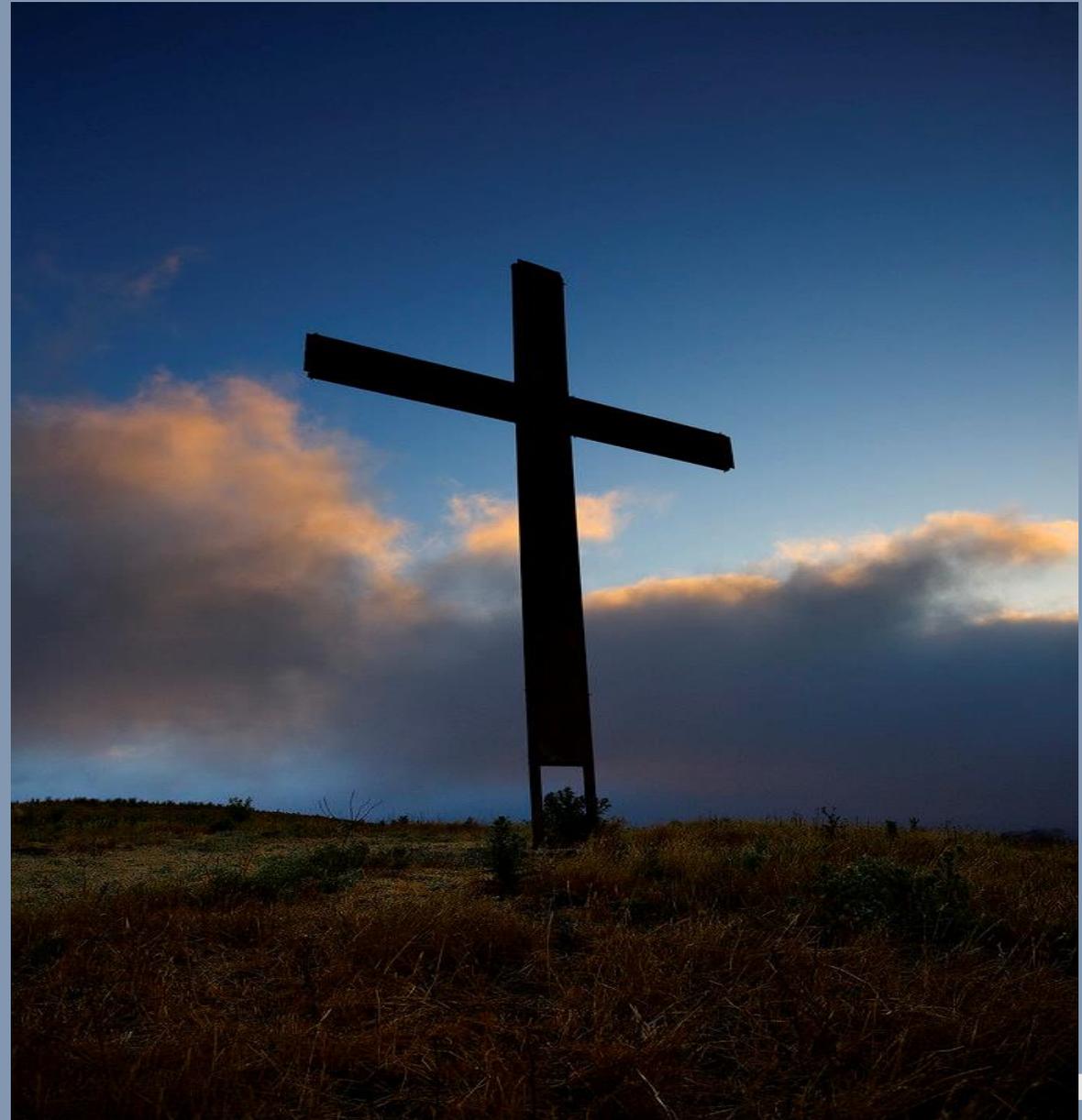
Class Norms

A large black cross silhouette stands in a field of dry grass under a blue sky with light clouds. The cross is the central focus, with its vertical post and horizontal arms clearly visible against the sky. The field in the foreground is filled with dry, brownish grass, and the sky is a mix of deep blue and lighter, hazy tones with some wispy clouds.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

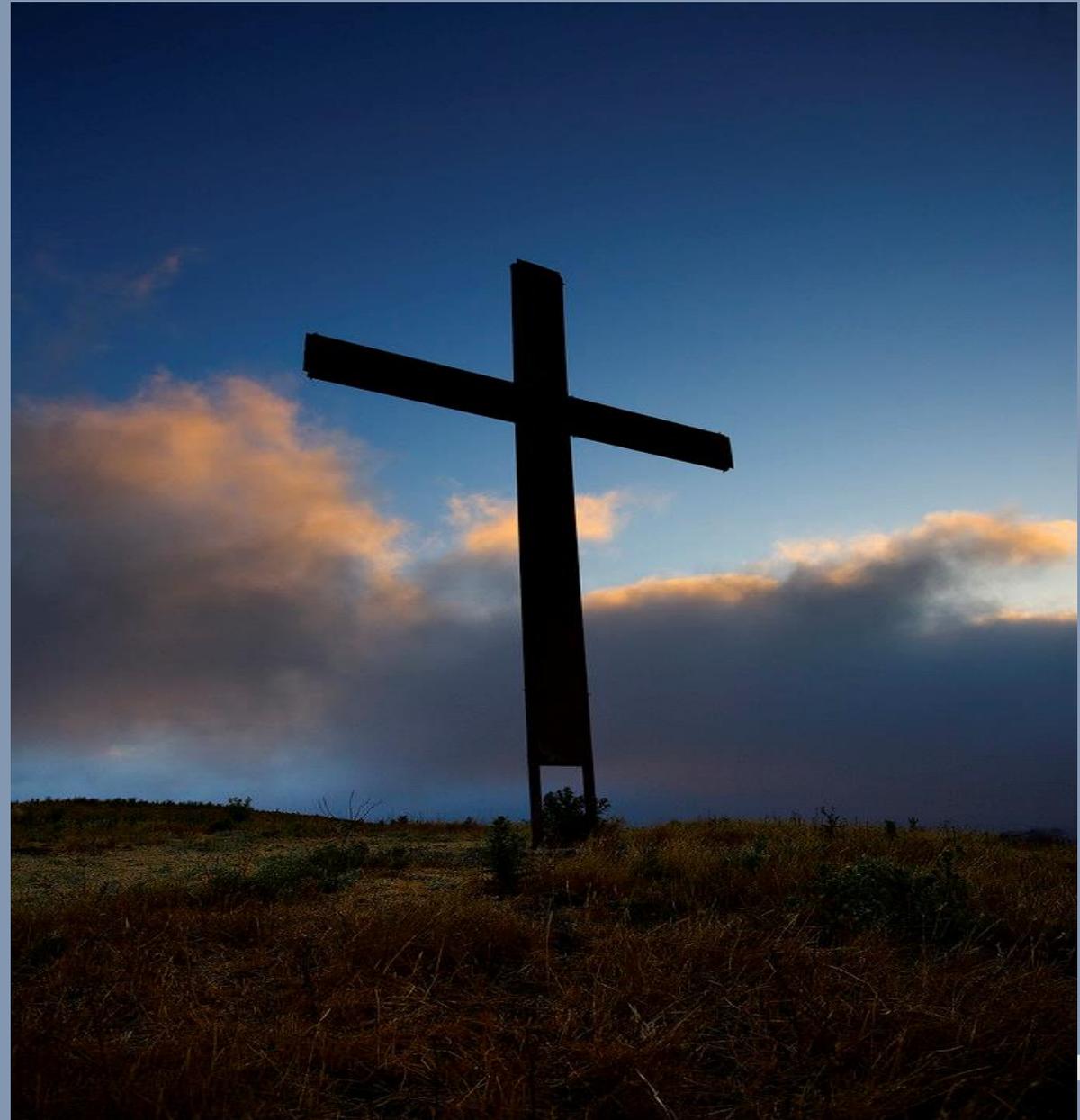
Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





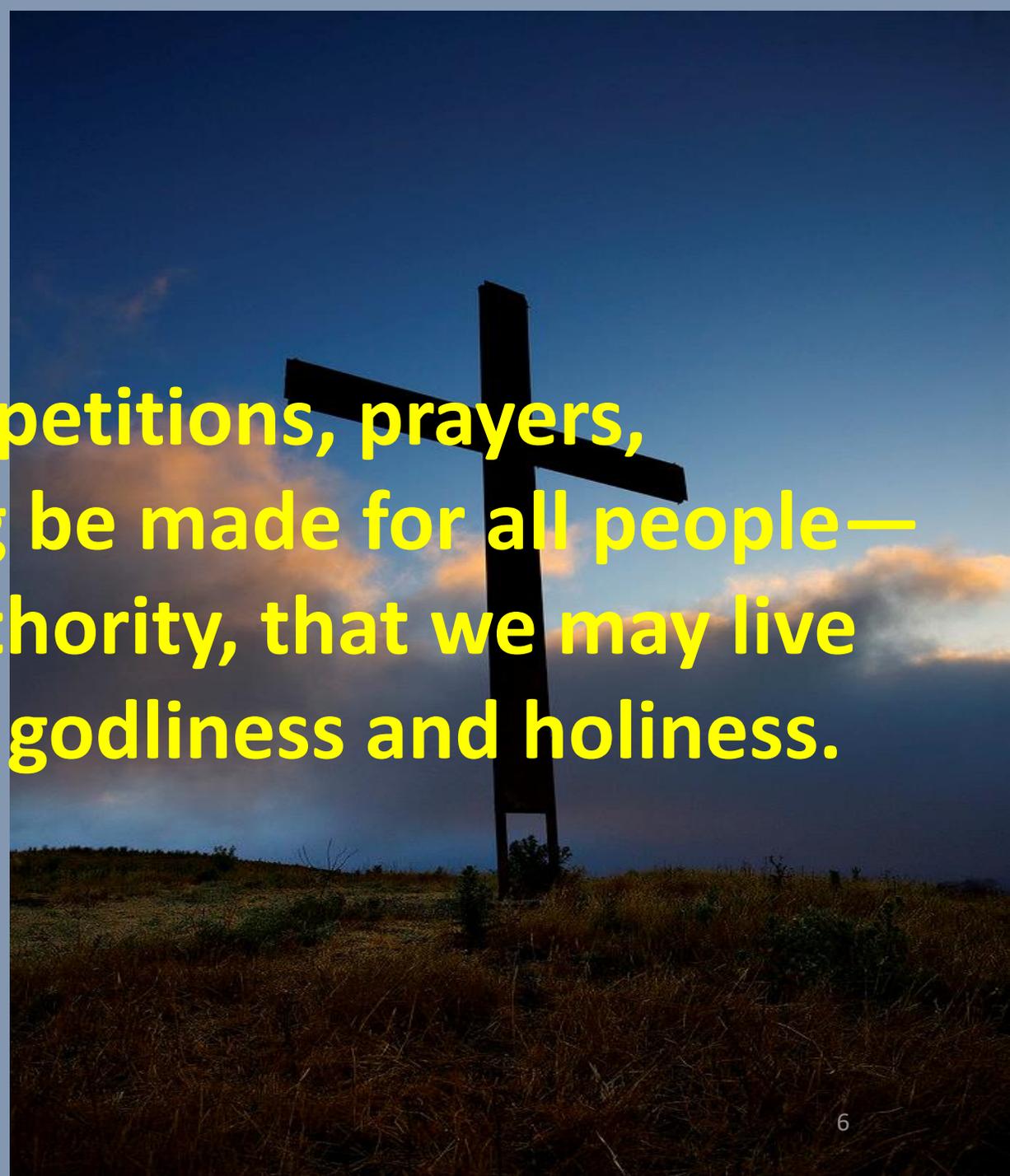
Start with Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Who do you know that's
really dedicated to
something?**

Scripture
Start with Prayer
1 Timothy 2:1-2

**1I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers,
intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—
2for kings and all those in authority, that we may live
peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.**





Start with Prayer 1 Timothy 2:1-2

How would you describe the different types of prayer found in these verses?

When you think about praying, do you find it difficult or easy to pray? Why?



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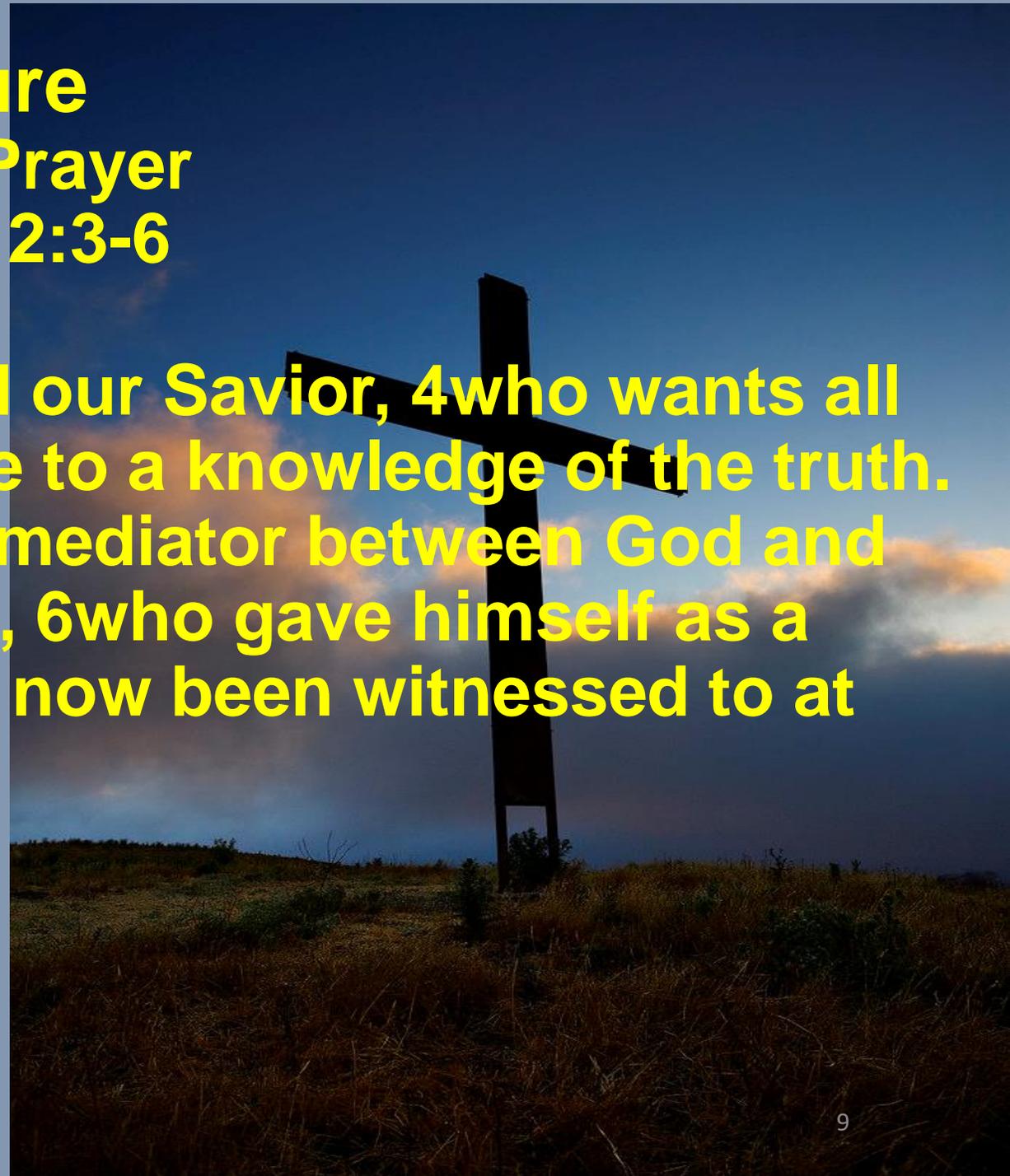
- It's not beneficial for our prayer life to focus on one type of prayer.
- Effective prayers include petition, intercession, and thanksgiving.
- Jesus came to earth because God loved the world, and believers are expected to carry on His ministry to the world.

Scripture

Start with Prayer

1 Timothy 2:3-6

3This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **4**who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5**For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6**who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.





Start with Prayer 1 Timothy 2:3-6

What role does prayer play in our spiritual growth?

What has helped you keep your desires aligned with God's desires?



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1 Timothy 2:3-6

- Have you ever considered the impact you have on others as a believer? When we trust the hand of God to work through our prayers, we will pray with a sense of urgency.
- God's desire is for all to be saved. Culture says there are many ways to God, but God provided only one way to a relationship with Him.
- We can be an agent of life transformation as we align ourselves with God's desire by committing to pray for others to know and accept Jesus Christ.

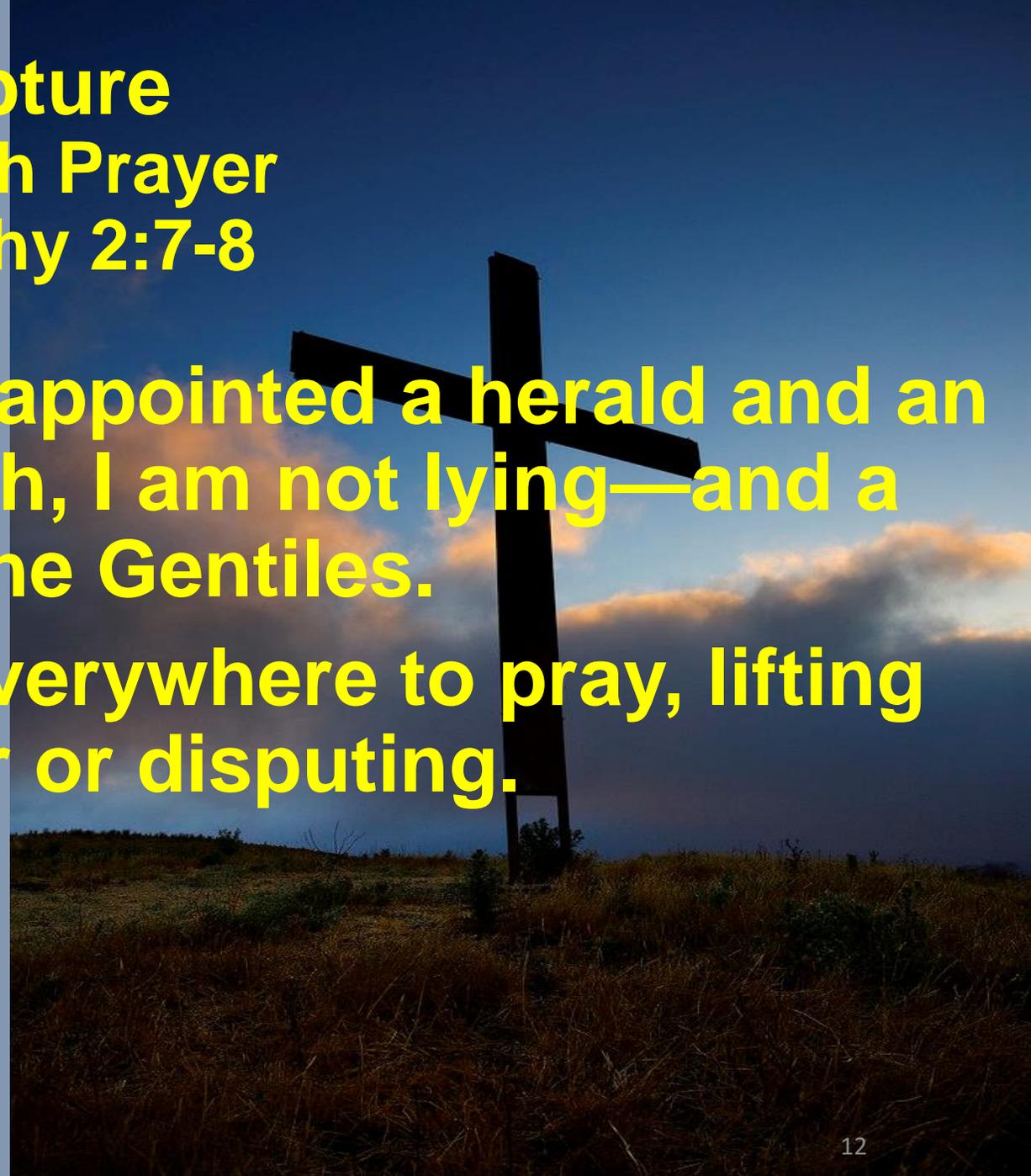
Scripture

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1 Timothy 2:7-8

7And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

8Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.





Start with Prayer 1 Timothy 2:7-8

How can our group work together to pray for the salvation of others?

How does knowing others are praying for you help you share the gospel?



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1 Timothy 2:7-8

Four ways we can pray:

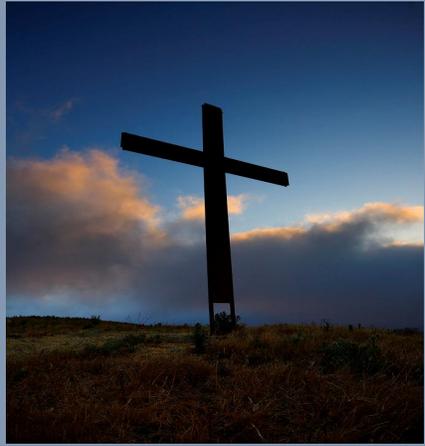
1. We are to pray for all people: family, friends, enemies, and those who rule over us.
2. We are to pray for people to come to faith in Christ.
3. We are to pray with confidence for their salvation, because Christ paid the ransom for them through His death.
4. We are to pray for ourselves and others who share the gospel—all who, like Paul, are called to be “a herald” of the truth of Christ.



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

MAY 30, 2021

- **Make time.** Set aside a specific time each day for focused prayer. Just like you make and keep other appointments, commit to keep this appointment every day.
- **Make a list.** Start a prayer journal, listing specific individuals for whose salvation you are praying. Visit imb.org/pray for guides to praying for a different people group each day. Make sure you include the names of leaders in your church, work, school, community, state, country, and so on.
- **Make contact.** God often uses us to do more than just pray; He uses us in the answer. As God gives you opportunity, begin the conversation with those for whom you've been praying. Trust Him to give you the words to say.



Final thoughts about The Return of Jesus

- We must pray in order to focus the need for others to draw near to God.
- Whether we agree with who people are or what they stand for, we're admonished to humble ourselves and intercede with the Father on their behalf.
- Prayer is seemingly the easiest thing to do—you're simply talking with God—but it can be a difficult spiritual discipline to practice. Yet God calls us to pray. **Through a commitment to prayer, God allows us to join in His work of bringing others to faith in Christ.**

Resources

- [BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth](#)
- Bible.com





Next Week: June 6, 2021
The Message

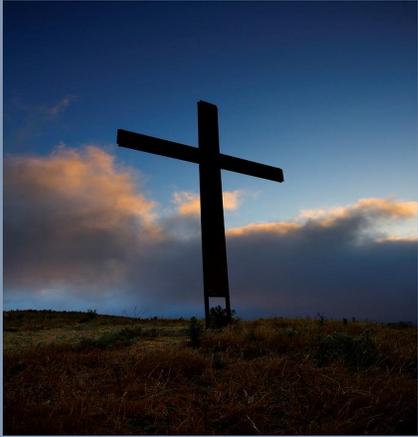
THE POINT

Jesus saves those who trust in Him.

THE PASSAGE

Romans 10:8b-17

**Where do you turn for trustworthy
information?**



Bible Study Session Date of How to Share Christ

1 April 25, 2021	Our Commission	Matthew 28:1-20; 2Cor. 5:16-21
2 May 30, 2021	Start with Prayer	1Timothy 2:1-8
3 June 6, 2021	The Message	Romans 10:8-17
4 June 13, 2021	Live the Message	Colossians 3:1-3,12-17
5 June 20, 2021	Share the Message	Acts 17:16-18,22-23,30-31
6 July 27, 2021	Trust God to Work	Matthew 13:3-8,18-23



God Bless You!

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