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**SCHEME OF WORK**

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**JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH**

Justification means to be found innocent of a charge. It means to be declared guiltless or to be acquitted. In Christianity, it means getting into right relationship with God. In this case, Justification can be said to mean redemption or salvation.

**Need for Justification (Rom. 3.2-24; 10:1-13)**

According to Paul in his letter to the Romans, man cannot be saved by his word neither can he be saved by his obedience to the law of Moses. He said that the righteousness of God has been made manifest apart from laws, although the law and prophet bear witness to it, the righteousness of God had been made manifest through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe, whether Jew or Gentile.

Paul said that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but he can be justified or saved by God’s grace through redemption which in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation of our sin by his blood to be received by faith.

Paul acknowledged the Jewish desire to worship God but pointed out that they were still ignorant of the righteousness of God, as they went on making futile effort by establish their own righteousness through the law. He said they failed to submit to God’s righteousness which is in Christ Jesus.

Paul said that Christ is the end of the law that everyone who has faith in him may be justified. Faith is acquired by confessing with our lips that Jesus is the lord and believing in one’s heart that God raised him from the dead. Once this is done, one is automatically saved. Man is therefore justified by his belief and saved by what he confesses with his lips. Who then call upon the name of the lord shall be saved. So, justification by faith is the righteousness of God acquired through faith in Christ Jesus. Man is justified by faith in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Condition necessary for Justification (Rom 1:16-17; 4:1-5)**

1. Justification can only be acquired by faith in Christ not by righteousness of the law.
2. Man is no longer under the law but under the law grace by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. Man is to believe in his heart and confess with his tongue that Jesus is the lord.
4. Salvation or redemption is to be seen as a gift from God’s grace not by man’s effort or self0-righteousness.
5. We must believe in Christ’s death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to be justified.

**Fruits of justification (Gal 2:19-21; 5:22**)

1. Peace and reconciliation with God.

2. Possession of God’s spirit and glory.

3. Realization of one’s destiny in God.

4. Victory over sin, Satan and evil spirit.

5. Ability to love and care for others.

6. Success and prosperity in life

**Significance and lessons**

1. We can only be saved or justified through faith in Christ Jesus not through obedience to the law.

2. Justification is for everyone irrespective of

3. Justification brings peace with God & man.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

The old life is a life of sin. It is living according to the dictates and passions of the flesh. God expect that a person change from the old life through repentance.

**Characteristics of the Old Life (Gal. 5:19-21; Col.3:5-7)**

1. Fornication/Adultery

2. Cultism

3. Impurity

4. Anger

5. Selfishness

6. Covetousness

7. Passion (Lust) Home of Lesbian

8. Fraud (419)

9. Evil desire

10. Idolatry

11. Malice

12. Hatred

13. Slander/foul-talk

14. Lies

15. Fighting /quarrelling

16. Injustice

17. Bribery & Corruption

18. Cheating

19. Disobedience

20. Pride /conceit.

Paul emphasized that on account of living the old life, the punishment of God is coming on the person.

**Need For Change / New Life (Rom 6:1-4; 15:18-19**)

New life refers to the life in Christ after one has been redeemed. This life in Christ produces the fruits of the spirit. The purpose why Jesus shed his blood on the cross for the whole world is that those who accept and believe him as their lord and personal savior would receive a new life in him that leads to salvation.

Paul lay emphasis on water baptism that through it, a person declares publicly that at baptism bi immersion one is dipped in water showing that such a person is buried with Christ.The person is then washed from his sin, and he is then raised from the water into a new life in Christ dominated by righteousness through Christ.

**Characteristics Features of the New Life**

1. Holiness 8. Respect for constituted authorities

2. Love 9. Kindness

3. Humility/lowliness or meekness 10. Compassion

4. Patience 11. Forgiveness

5. Tolerance /forbearance 12. Peace of God

6. Justice 13. Thankfulness to God

7. Patriotism

**Ways Christians Can Manifest And Stick To New Life In Christ.**

1. **By being born again**: This has to do with embracing the new life and doing away with the old life.
2. **By living an unquestionable life**: This is by being the light and salt of the earth.
3. **By spreading the good news**: This is a way of winning souls into God’s kingdom.
4. **By doing goods works**: This is by helping the needy and the poor in the society.
5. **By not engaging in slander**: This is a way of spoiling other people, like gossiping, blackmailing, and backbiting again one another.
6. **By abstaining from all filthiness of the flesh**: This refers to greed, jealousy, envy, sexual immorality, stealing, unforgiving spirit etc.

**Significance and Moral Lessons**

1. Accepting Jesus as lord and savior gives one the new life in Christ.

2. At baptism, we are buried with Christ in water.

3. When we accept Jesus as lord and savior, he comes and dwells in our heart by the Holy Spirit.

4. The only way to salvation is to live a new life in Christ.

**SONSHIP**

**Jesus Christ the Son Of God (Rom 8:3, 17, 32)**

Proclaiming Jesus as the son of God is the foundation of the Christ faith. In Luke 1:32, an angel appeared to Mary and told her that the child she was to bear shall be called the son of the highest God.

**Instances That Prove That Jesus Is the Son Of God**

1. An angel told Mary LK 1:32.

2. At baptism, a voice from heaven Mat 3:17.

3. At transfiguration, a voice from heaven Mat 17:5

4. He referred to himself as the son of God often Jon 11:45 Jon 8:54

5. The demoniac called son of the highest Mat 8:29

6. On the cross, he called God his father Luke 23:46

7. Also, at the garden of Gethsemane during his prayer of agony, he called God his father Mat 26:39

8. Peter’s great confession at Caesarea Philippi.

**Christians are also Children of God (Rom 8:1-39; Gal 3:25-29, 4:6-7 Eph 1:5)**

In Paul’s letter to Galatians, he made it clear that the law acted as custody before the coming of Christ. The coming of Christ then rendered the law invalid, and faith in Jesus became the means of justification. “But now that faith has come, we are no longer under the custodian of the law form Christ Jesus, you are all sons of God through faith. Those who were baptized into the Christ have put on Christ regardless of race, sex or focal standing. Such people are Abraham’s off strings and heirs according to the promise of Abraham.

Paul said that God sent his son, born of a woman under the law, to save those who were under the law, so that we may receive adoptions as sons. “And because we are sons, God had sent the spirit of the son into our hearts crying Abba! Father! So, through God we are no longer slaves but sons, and if sons, then, an heirs”. This means that those who have faith in Christ share the attribute with Christ so that as Christ is the son of God, the believers by virtue of their belief are children of God through adoption. It is therefore the spirit himself that bears with our spirit that we are children of God.

**Rights and Responsibilities as Children Of God**

**Children of God have the right to enjoy his grace provided they serve him whole heartedly.**

1. They also enjoy his love and protection.

2. They have the right to enjoy the good things of God i.e. his provision.

3. They are God’s image bearer or representatives on the earth.

4. They are the carriers of his kingdom on the earth.

5. They have the right to cater for the poor and the needy on earth.

6. They are to spread the good news of his kingdom to all people.

7. They are to be actively involved in the things pertaining to God’s kingdom and donate generously towards the growth of Christianity.

8. They are to remain holy at all times.

**Right of Citizens of Nigeria**

1. Freedom of religion/association.

2. Freedom of movement.

3. Freedom of speech.

4. Freedom of education.

5. Right to life.

6. Freedom from child abuse.

7. Right to vote and be voted for.

8. Right to own property.

**The Significance and Moral Lessons**

1. There is freedom for everyone to be a child of God irrespective of race, color or status

2. Our faith in Jesus qualifies us to be sons of God and heirs of the kingdom.

3. As sons of God, the believers have access to the things of the kingdom.

**FAITH AND WORKS**

**The Concepts of Faith and Work**

The book of Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as the assurance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. The bible says that by faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of that are visible. Faith then is believed in someone, something or an action even when it is yet to happen.

Work on the other hand refers to the doing of the word of God not hearing it alone. This refers to practicing what is learnt in the word of God whenever it is preached.

The connection between faith and work is that Christians are to work by faith. In the process of practicing what they heard; faith must be put in place. In the same way, Christian faith makes work effective.

**The Concept of Work in Relation with Faith (James 2:14-26**)

Work is very important in the establishment of our faith. James 14:7 explains that faith without work is dead. This means that whether the word of God is preached, and we don’t act on it, the faith we have on it is dead. The Christian to the needy, caring for the needy, visiting the sick, sheltering those who are homeless, we must only have the faith that God will care for them but do whatever we can to help them.

Rehab the Harlot was cited by James as an example of works of help. She hid the spies sent by Joshua to spy on the city of Jericho and by this, she was justified. In the same way, Abraham in the Old Testament also exhibited faith by taking steps to offer his sons. When God saw his faith, he provided a ram for to be used in place of Isaac. Because of his obedience, Abraham became known as father of faith. Faith cannot be alone, it must move always with work faith must not only be in theory, but it must also be worked out and practiced.

**Faith as a Requirement For Pleasing God**

Faith is the greatest requirement for following God because we can not see God and yet we believe in him. No wonder the bible in Heb 11.6 says that without faith, it is impossible to please God; we must believe that he is alive, and he will reward those who diligently seek him. God desires the following three stages from stages from his followers.

1. We should have absolute trust in him.

2. We should believe that he can do whatever we ask from him.

3. Despite delays, we must believe firmly that he will do it.

All these three stages of faith make God to be pleased with us.

**The Significance and Moral Lessons**

1. Christian must have faith in order to follow God and please him.
2. To establish their faith, Christians must be caring and helpful.
3. We must not be hearers of the word of God only we must also be doers of the word.
4. Faith is required to make miracles work in our lives.
5. As Christians, we must be caring and loving.

**THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is very important to the Christians. He is the third person in the trinity hence, he is their comforter, teacher, guide, and he rebukes the world of sin in their lives. It has been observed that the Holy Spirit has some fruit with features Christians are expected to bear in their lives.

**Definition Of The Fruits Of The Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)**

The fruit of the Holy Spirit refers to the manifestation of Christ’s nature the life of a Christian filled with the Holy Spirit. The fruit has the following nine elements.

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-control

**The Fruit of the Works of the Flesh**

We also have the fruits of the works of the flesh which we have already talked about as characteristics of the old life under ‘New life in Christ’

**Conduct in Consonance with the Work of the Flesh.**

1. The desire for sexual intercourse between unmarried people
2. Unlawful sexual intercourse between two married people
3. Homosexuality and lesbianism
4. Bribery and fraud
5. Unnecessary partying
6. A love for fighting and malice
7. Love for magical works, charms and witchcraft
8. Putting or rating people or things above God
9. Jealousy, envy and greed
10. Looking at a man or woman lustfully

**Conduct In Consonant with the Fruit of the Spirit**

1. Love for God and fellow human being
2. Humidity and desire for peace at all time
3. Excellent behavior like obedience to God, parent, teachers, and people in authority.
4. Faith in God and others
5. Generosity and hospitality to people
6. Moderation in all we do
7. Enduring all things without complaining
8. Quietness and ready to listen
9. Being grateful to God and to man
10. Neatness and holiness

**How to Bear Fruit of the Spirit**

1. Repent from your sins &stop sinning
2. Believe in your heart that God raise Jesus for your salvation
3. Confess Jesus with your lips as word
4. Be baptized in the name of Jesus
5. Study the word of God daily
6. Pray for the holy spirit
7. Pray in the holy spirit
8. Try and speak in tongue
9. Worship God in spirit and in truth
10. Acknowledge the presence of the holy spirit in your life and walk in him

**Significance and Moral Lesson**

1. We must develop the fruit of the spirit in us
2. We must avoid the work of the flesh
3. We must learn to always repent
4. We should try and meditate on the word of God daily
5. We must have the holy ghost, pray in him and work in him

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Spiritual gift are special abilities, positives manifestations or charisma given to Christians to be used in the church for the edification, development, and benefit of the church. Spiritual gifts are not tangible, that is, they cannot be seen or held physically but can only be manifested and felt. They can only be given to Christians by the Holy Spirit.

Talent is skills, special abilities and endowment given to human being by God through genes and natural creation. Talent are recognized in most cases as what a person does easily and what another person cannot do or find difficult to do.

**Distribution of Spiritual Gifts (I cor.12:7-11)**

Spiritual gift as listed by Paul include the following.

1. The gift of wisdom: This can be manifested in the ability to handle the issues of life and solve problems.
2. The gift of knowledge: This is the ability to act and talk accurately and truthfully.
3. The gift of faith: This is the ability to believe that things will always work out where there is no physical evidence.
4. The gift of healing: this is the ability to minister restoration and health to the sick or the injured and the ability to raise the dead and cast out devils.
5. The gift of the working of miracle: this is the ability to alter the natural and spiritual order either backward or forward through the divine power of God.
6. Ability to distinguish or discern between spirits: this is the ability to test and try every spirit that pose themselves as the Holy Spirit, which we come in contact with daily whether they are true or false.
7. The gift of speaking in tongues: this is the ability to speak in another language outside one’s own. He or she may not be able to interpret the language.
8. The gift of interpretation of tongue: this is the ability to translate or explain what the person with the gift of the Holy Spirit is speaking. Someone that has the gift of speaking in tongues can also pray and receives the gift of interpretation of tongues.
9. The gift of prophecy: this is the ability to see what will happen in the future and say something about it.

**People That Manifest Gift of the Spirit**

The people that manifest the gift of the Holy Spirit are as follows.

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors
5. Teachers
6. Workers of miracles
7. Healers
8. Helpers
9. Administrators
10. Speakers in tongues

**Uses and Values of Spiritual Gifts (Eph 4:12-16)**

The uses of spiritual gifts include the following;

1. Equipping the saints [Christians] for the work of the ministry.
2. Building up of the body of Christ.
3. Unity in the body of Christ.
4. Developing our knowledge of Jesus as the son of God.
5. Attaining maturity for the body of Christ to the measure expected by God.
6. To be planted and grounded in the doctrine of the Christian faith to avoid wavering in faith
7. To enable the church members to imbibe the spirit of love and truth
8. To enable the church ministers to establish God’s kingdom on the earth through sighs and wonders.
9. To restore peace and sanity to the lives of the members of the body of Christ
10. To make all members of the church to understand all mysteries in God’s kingdom.

**Differences between Spiritual Gifts and Talents**

Although spiritual gifts and talent are synonymous, or they are all the manifestation of the special gift of God, yet they have some differences which are as follows;

1. Talents are acquired through training and genetic ability.
2. Talents are grown and developed by someone while spiritual gifts are grown and developed by God through the Holy Spirit.
3. Talents can be turned into professions or hobbies while spiritual gifts cannot be turned into professions or hobbies.
4. Talents are used to entertain while spiritual are not.
5. Talent can be used for one’s ego or personal aggrandizement while spiritual gift are used in humility and selflessness.
6. Talents can be used for money making while spiritual gifts are to be used without receiving payment.
7. The use of talent is regulated by individual wisdom and intellect while the use of spiritual gifts is regulated by the Holy Spirit.
8. Talents are more human while gifts are divine.

**Wrong Emphases on Certain Spiritual Gifts**

There are wrong teachings and wrong emphasis on spiritual gifts which include the following;

1. Spiritual gifts are used for money making e.g. prophecy & that of working miracles.
2. Some spiritual gifts are taught by men e.g. speaking in tongues.
3. That spiritual gifts are genetically inherited (they are inherited).
4. The miracles working are devilish or speaking in tongues and interpretation of the tongue are evil.
5. That spiritual gifts are old fashioned.
6. These spiritual gifts are for certain believers whereas they are for all believers.

**Significance and Moral Lessons**

1. We should desire gifts and pray to receive them.
2. We should receive gifts freely and also manifest them freely.
3. We should be taught and led by the Holy Spirit.
4. We should practice spiritual gifts by faith when we have received them.

**THE FAMILY**

**Right and Obligations of the Family Members**

A family is the smallest unit of society. It is made up of father (husband), mother (wife) and their children. The members of the family are related by blood, this make their love and care for one another unique. There are two types of family, and they are;

1. **Nuclear family**: this type of family consists of the father, mother, and their number of children.
2. **Extended family**: this is the type of family consists of father, mother and their number of children, it also include other relations like uncles, grand parents, cousins, nephews, nieces etc.

**Paul’s teaching about family (Col. 3:18-21)**

In Paul’s teaching on the family, he told wives to be submissive to their husbands as is fitting in the lord. He also told husbands to love their wives and not be harsh to them. He also told children to obey their parents in everything because it pleases the lord. He said father shouldn’t provoke their children because it can make them discouraged in what they do in life. He told servant to serve their masters in the fear of the lord and not in hypocrisy or as men pleasers.

**Roles of members of the family**

A family as a unit which consists of members must function well when all the members perform their expected roles.

**The father (husband)**

1. The father is the head of the home; he is the spiritual and physical head of the family. He is the guardian of all the members of the family.
2. He provides all the needs of the family like food, clothing, and shelter.
3. He teaches his children good morals, and societal norms and values.
4. He is to educate the children by sending them to good schools or registering them in honest trades.
5. He is to provide security for all members of the family.
6. He is to make good decisions for the family.
7. He is to lead morning devotions, fasting and prayer of the family as a spiritual head.
8. He is to develop his family members to be creative and resourceful.
9. He must discipline his children whenever the need arise.
10. He must lead all the member of the family to God.
11. He must be a role model to the members of the family in humility, honesty, integrity, faithfulness and loyalty.

**The Mother**

1. She is the helpmate of the father
2. She is to assist the father in decision making
3. She is responsible for keeping the home
4. She is the link between the father and the children
5. She is to teach the children good morals
6. She is to prepare food for the family
7. She is to discipline the children whenever the father is absent
8. She advises the children and support the father in decision making
9. She prays for the family and brings up the children in the fear of the lord
10. She is to also serve as a role model most especially to the female children in modesty and in humility

**The Children**

1. The children are to obey and respect their parent and elders
2. They are to love and honor their parents
3. They are to emulate the good virtues of their parents
4. They are to obey their brother’s keeper
5. They must be ready to learn from their parents
6. They are to work hard at their studies
7. They are to run errand for the family members especially elderly ones
8. They are to assist in keeping the house clean and fetching water
9. They are to assist their parents in their businesses.
10. They are to pray for their parents

**General Roles**

1. Cleaning the house
2. Respect for one another
3. Caring for one another (provide)
4. Prayer for one another
5. Upholding morality
6. Promoting family image

**Values Found In Good Family Relationship**

When every member of a family carries out their functions, the following values will be found in such a family;

1. There will be love among members of the family
2. There will be peace and harmony in the family
3. They will enjoy God’s care and protection
4. The family will have a good name in the community
5. The family will contribute positively to the development of the society
6. Such family will win God’s favor
7. Members of the family would be healthy and there will be long life for the family members
8. The family member will be able to stand against any challenges that face it.
9. Family members will have a sense of fulfillment and worth.
10. All members of the family shall succeed and excel in their various fields of Endeavour’s.

**Consequences of Family Members’ Failure to Fulfill Their Roles**

The opposite of values listed above are the consequences for failure of family members not to play their expected roles;

1. There will be chaos in the home. This means that there will be no peace and harmony in the home.
2. The children will grow up to be truants and hooligans.
3. Family member will become unruly, and quarreling and disagreement will become the order of the day
4. Family members will become irresponsible.
5. This can lead to dissatisfaction with one another which can eventually lead to divorce.
6. There will be no love, care and help for one another in the family.
7. Such a family will become a source of concern to the community and to the community.
8. Activities of individuals will be directed towards self satisfaction rather than the satisfaction of the entire family.

**Significance and Moral Lessons**

1. The quality of life in the family determines the quality of life in society.
2. Each family should learn to bring up their children up in good morals.
3. Parent should build their homes in the fear of God
4. Every member of the family should Endeavour to play his\her role effectively.

**HUMILITY**

Humility is the state of bearing humble, the direct opposite of being proud or arrogant. Humility is one of the greatest attributes of a good Christian.

**Paul’s Teaching on Humility [Phil.2:1-11]**

In Paul’s epistle to the Philippians, he told them that if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the spirit, any affection and sympathy, they should complete his joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. He told them to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility, they should count others better than themselves.

He told them not to look only at their own interests but at the interests of others. He said they should let such mind be in them as it was in Christ Jesus, who through he was in the form of God did not count himself equal with God, he said that Christ emptied himself by taking the form of a servant by being born in the likeness of men, he also said that Jesus as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even the death on the cross. He said God has exalted him and given him a name that is above every name that at the mention of his name, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is the lord, to the glory of God the father.

**Ways of Demonstrating Humility**

The following are ways we can demonstrate humility wherever we are;

1. By obeying supreme authority
2. By not boasting about our talents but using them for the service of God and of men.
3. By feeling concerned about the needs of others and doing something about them.
4. By counting others better than ourselves.
5. By obeying our parents & teachers and elders’ instructions.
6. By rendering selfless and conceit.
7. By forgiving those who offend us.
8. By ensuring peace and harmony where we are.
9. By ensuring peace and harmony where we are.
10. By being law abiding.
11. By loving others as ourselves.
12. By being salt of the earth and light of the world

**Benefits of Humility (James 4:10)**

1. Humility makes communication and life easy in society.
2. It leads to selflessness and sacrifice.
3. It attracts respect.
4. It promotes tolerance and peaceful co-existence.
5. It leads to promotion.
6. It makes submission to the people authority easy.
7. It leads to obedience to laws in society.
8. It creates harmony among people.
9. When we humble ourselves, we are exalted by God.
10. It makes God to be pleased with us.

**Consequences of Pride (John 4:6, 1pet 5:5 And Mat. 23:12**

The following are the consequences of pride;

1. God hates the proud and gives grace to the humble.
2. The proud are humbled by God.
3. Men despise the proud.
4. Pride created misunderstanding and chaos in society.
5. Pride leads to destruction as ‘pride goes before a fall’.

**Significance and Moral Lessons**

1. We should emulate the humility in Christ Jesus.
2. The humble are always exalted by God.
3. Pride goes before a fall or destination.
4. We should consider others better than ourselves.
5. We should consider pride and embrace humility and selflessness.

**EFFECTIVENESS OF PRAYER**

Prayer can be defined as the process through which we communicate with God. Christians establish their relationship with God through prayer. In the same way, they renew their relationship with God through prayer. It is one of the weapons of defense against the evil ones.

**James Teaching on Effective Prayer (James 1:1-8, 4:1-3, 5:13-20)**

In James epistle to Christians all over the world, he told them to count it all joy when they fall into divers, temptations as the trying of their faith works patience. He said they should let patience have its perfect work in them so as to make them perfect and entire, lacking nothing.

He told them that if any of them that gives all men liberally and it shall be given to them, he said they should ask in faith without, wavering like the wave of the sea driven by the sea and tossed. He said that such a person should not think he will receive anything from the Lord, because as a double minded person, he is unstable in his ways.

However, he asked them what cause wars and fighting among them. He told them that war comes out of lust in their members. He therefore said that they lust and have, and cannot obtain, they fight and war, yet they have not, because they ask and receive not because they ask amiss, that they might consume it upon their lusts.

He told them that if any of them is afflicted, he should pray, if any is merry, he should sing psalms, if any is sick, he should call on the elders of the church, who will pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the lord. He said the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up and if he had sinned, he shall be forgiven.

He urged them to confess their sins to one another and prayer for one another so that they may be healed because the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. The used Elijah as an example of a man of like passion, who prayed earnestly that it might not rain and there was no rain for the space of three years and six months. He said he prayed again and the rain fell and made the earth bring out her fruit. He did that if any of them backslide and any one of them knows that he has saved a soul from death and has hid a multitude of sins.

**Jesus Taught his Disciples How to Pray (Mat, 6: 7-13)**

Jesus served as an example of prayer to his disciples. He prayed at least three times a day, and he also taught his disciples how to pray. At baptism, he started his ministry with prayer and ended it at the garden of Gethsemane with prayer.

**Reasons for Unanswered Prayer (Mat 6:9-5)**

Some of the reasons why some prayers cannot be answered by God include the following;

1. Lack of faith or unbelief.
2. Unconfessed or unrepented sin.
3. Hearts filled with selfish or worldly desires (lusts)
4. Ingratitude or lacks thank fullness.
5. Lack of joy or cheerfulness.
6. Unforgiving spirit.
7. Heart filled with malice, hatred or anger.
8. Not praying according to God’s will.
9. Inconsistency or lack of persistence.

10. Doublemindedness.

1. Repetition in prayer.
2. Lack of eagerness or not serious in prayer.

**Conditions for Effective Prayer**

1. Faith
2. Righteousness
3. Fervency
4. Perseverance
5. Patience
6. Humility

**TYPES OF PRAYER**

The following are types of prayers;

1. **Prayer of Adoration:** This is the type of prayer we use to show our love for God and to honour him and worship him.
2. **Prayer of Intercession**: This is the type of prayer we pray for other people who have challenges.
3. **Prayer of Petition**: This is the type of prayer we use to request for all our needs from God.
4. **Prayer of Confession**: This is the type of prayer in which we confess our sin & God and beg for his forgiveness.
5. **Prayer of Dedication**: This is the type of prayer we use to thank God for his goodness, favour and grace over our lives.
6. **Prayer of Faith**: This is the type of prayer we use to express our integrity in God and show our loyalty and commitment to him.
7. **Prayer of Healing or Deliverance**: This is the type of prayer we use to receive healing and deliverance from God.

**Significance and Moral Lesson**

1. We learnt that we constantly renew our relationship with God through prayer.
2. All our needs are met through prayer.
3. Whenever we are faced with challenges of life, we should pray