

# Sermon Study Questions

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-14
2. Paul begins his conclusion to his letter with five admonitions. The first of these admonitions is to rejoice. Why is it that he tells the Corinthians to rejoice? Why is it that the admonition to rejoice is always an appropriate admonition for you to receive as a Christian?
3. Paul tells the church to aim for restoration. Who are they to be restored to, and why?
4. Next, Paul tells them to comfort one another. Why? What does he have in mind here?
5. Finally, Paul tells those in the church to agree with one another and live in peace. What does this mean and what doesn't this mean? What is the basis of our agreement as Christians?
6. What is the significance of greeting one another with "a holy kiss"?
7. What is a benediction and what makes it so special?
8. What stands out to you about this particular benediction? What are the blessings involved in it? Be thorough.
9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?

10. Pray!

**Reading of Law: Ephesians 4:1-3**

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**Prayer of Confession:**

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. You are the Great King over all creation, and you are a loving Father to your people. This morning we come before you and confess our sins to you, that we often fail to walk in a manner worthy of our calling, but daily fall short of your glory. You have called us to walk with all humility and gentleness, but we have been proud and harsh, both in our words and in our actions. You call us to be patient, bearing with one another in love, and yet we are often irritable and intolerant. You call us to be eager in our efforts to maintain unity and peace in your church, but we tend to minimize the importance of this command, justifying the conflicts we may have with your people rather than humbly pursuing peace with them. Father, we confess that in all of these ways we have sinned against you. We ask that you please forgive us and look upon Christ and His atoning work on our behalf. For we come before you in His name, and we ask this for His sake, Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 65:1-3**

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. <sup>2</sup> O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. <sup>3</sup> When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

**WLC: 179**

**Q.** 179. Are we to pray unto God only?

**A.** God only being able to search the hearts, hear the requests, pardon the sins, and fulfill the desires of all; and only to be believed in, and worshiped with religious worship; prayer, which is a special part thereof, is to be made by all to him alone, and to none other.

[1 Kings 8:39](#); [Acts 1:24](#); [Rom. 8:27](#); [Ps. 65:2](#); [Mic. 7:18](#); [Ps. 145:18-19](#); [Rom. 10:14](#); [Matt. 4:10](#); [1 Cor. 1:2](#); [Ps. 50:15](#); [Rom. 10:14](#).

**OT Reading: Numbers 6:22-27**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, <sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>27</sup> "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."