

## Scriptural Background: Zech 12

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." Zech 12:10

The New Testament book of John 19:37 references the Old Testament scripture Zechariah 12:10, clearly directing us ahead in time to Jesus who died by crucifixion.

The Lord poured upon us the **spirit of grace** (*unmerited gift of the divine favor in the salvation of sinners and the divine influence operating in individuals for their regeneration and sanctification*) and of **supplications** (*asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly*).

God spoke this prophecy through his prophet Zechariah many years before Jesus went to the cross. This was God's only son. Jesus was man yet had no sin. Being that he was crucified, died, rose again and ascended to the right hand of the Father, we now have access to the throne of God. If we ask and accept him as Lord and Savior of our lives, we then become complete in him with a hope and a future.

## Prayer:

God, we come to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus, the Christ. Thank You for giving of Yourself completely that we may have an abundant and eternal life in You. Forgive us where we fall short of acknowledging You and trusting You. As we commit ourselves, lead us and guide us. Help us to grow in You and shine our light to others as committed Christians. In Jesus' precious name, Amen!

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