

Paul's Powerful Prison Prayer - Part 2

Colossians 1:12-14

Main Point: We are grateful for our redemption through Christ our Savior.

Introduction

- Why is it important to be grateful to others for the things they do for us?

Understanding

1. The Father Has Qualified Us. Read Colossians 1:12.

- a. What characteristic of a Godly walk does this passage illustrate? Explain.
- b. What does it mean to be qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints in light?
- c. What is the significance of Paul reminding his readers that God qualified them to share in the blessings of salvation? What does this teach us about our own salvation?
- d. How does Romans 8:1-2 support the thought of God qualifying us?

e. What admonition do we receive about our daily walk in Christ from the following verses?

i. Colossians 2:6-7

ii. Colossians 4:2

2. God Has Delivered And Transferred Us. Read Colossians 1:13.

a. What is the domain of darkness from which through faith in Christ we have been delivered?

b. How does Jeremiah 17:9-10 help us to understand the condition of the human heart?

c. Why do you think Paul chose the word “delivered” to describe the way Jesus redeemed His followers?

d. What is the “Kingdom of His beloved Son?”

e. Explain the process by which God delivers us from darkness and transfers us to the Kingdom of God.

- f. With respect to your own story of redemption, what has changed since you embraced Jesus as Savior?

3. The Father Has Redeemed Us - Read Colossians 1:14.

- a. Define forgiveness and redemption. What are the differences between these acts of grace?

- b. What do each of the following verses say about redemption and forgiveness?
 - i. John 3:16

 - ii. Ephesians 1:6-8

 - iii. Colossians 1:19-20

 - iv. 1 Peter 1:17-19

 - v. Psalm 103:11-12

- c. Of the reasons given by Paul for thanking God for our salvation, which one speaks the most to you? Explain.

Application

- Where are some of the environments in which you find yourself where the truth of the gospel is being challenged? What is God calling you to do to stand for truth in that situation?