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He Has Delivered Us

Reading Colossians 1:9-14

The apostle Paul not only taught people the truth, he prayed that they would receive it, remember it, use it and be strengthened by it. There was this genuine affection for those who heard him preach and teach, or read his letters. The most effective teaching and preaching is done by those who have genuine affection for people. Throughout Paul's epistles, this love for people is apparent.

But it wasn't just that Paul wanted the Colossian Christians to hear and learn and know. **He wanted them to "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."**

Just hearing, reading, remembering and knowing is not sufficient. All that reception of knowledge must result in actually walking, living "in a manner worthy of the Lord."



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The intention of every individual Christian must be to "fully please" the Lord, "bearing fruit in every good work," and "increasing in the knowledge of God."

This was Paul's prayer for these Christians "from the day" he heard of their existence.

He prayed for them to be strong, "strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might," so that they would be able to endure difficulty with patience and joy, giving thanks to the Father. It was God, the Father, who enabled them to have this knowledge. And it was the Father who qualified the Colossian Christians "to share in the inheritance of the saints in light." **God does the qualifying.**

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**We submit to His will in baptism and faithfulness.**

Christians can say and sing to one another, these words: “He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Think of this as **(1) being delivered, and (2) being transferred.** When someone hears, believes and obeys the gospel (confession, repentance and baptism), God delivers that person from the darkness of sin and places that person in His kingdom of light. It is an inheritance of light (for people who came out of darkness).

Thanks be to God for all this. In Christ “we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”