

Power for Practical Living: Colossian1:12-13

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Introduction

Paul wrote this letter to the Christians in Colossae; he had never been to their city (Col.2:1). He sought to develop personal connections with the people he hoped to teach and serve, rather than asserting his apostolic authority.

The Church of Colossae was under attack from false teachers who were criticizing the deity of Jesus; they were teaching that Jesus was not actually God (Col.2:1-2). In this book, Paul focused on Christ's preeminence and sufficiency in all things.

In Colossian 1, Paul the Apostle started with praise to God (Col.1:1), then moved to praying for the Church (Col.1:9). In his prayer, he digresses to lead the church to praise God what te Father has done for us through Christ Jesus His son: He delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated into the Kingdom of his dear son. And he has qualified us to be partaker of the inheritance of the saints (Col.1:12-13).

Context

A. Prayer Is Both Expressions of Desire and Praise to God (Col. 1:12)

B. Prayer is Directed to God The Father (Col. 1:12)

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Content

A.

Prayer Is Both Expressions of Desire and Praise to God (Col.1:12)

Christianity is all about what Jesus has done for the church; grace. And the only way we can accept and experience this grace is to thank God. One of the characteristics of fatherhood is giving; fathers are givers. Children should always appreciate what their father has done for them. Prayer is one way to express this gratitude (Psalm 100:4-5). According to Paul in Ephesian 6:2, there are different kinds of prayer; expression of desires and thanksgiving are part of th

B.

Prayer Is Directed to God the Father (Col.1:12)

Prayer is to be directed to the father (Matth.6:9); but, without relationship through the son, we cannot have and develop relationships with the Father. Thanksgiving is also given to the Father in the name of Jesus (Eph.5:20). We as Christian must always appreciate the Father for what He has done for us through His son Jesus. That is when we can only experience his love and gifts.

C. The

Inheritance of The Saints Is by Grace and Not by Works (Col.1:12)

Wealthy fathers have an inheritance for their children; but there is always a price to pay to get that inheritance. God the Father has qualified us through his son to be partaker of his inheritance (Luke 15). Therefore, our own efforts do not qualify for God's inheritance. As Christians, we need to recognize and walk in the reality of this inheritance. We are blessed by grace!

There are churches who believe we can earn God's inheritance by works. This verse says the father qualified us; therefore, it is not by works but by grace.

D. We

Have Been Delivered from The Power of Darkness (Col.1:13)

Some Christians still do not believe in demonic activities. They think all negative things just happen by chance. The operations of demons are real. They are the causes and initiators of evil here on earth. These demons are behind addictions and broken homes. But, thank God. The Father has delivered us from the power of darkness through his son Jesus. Demonic activities are real so is the power and deliverance of God are real.

E. His Kingdom Reign in Our Hearts (Col.1:13)

The ultimate goal of God is that his children be with Him in his Kingdom. Jesus came and emphasized on this in his teaching. The Kingdom of God is the rulership of God in our hearts and, in the future, in heaven. Jesus urges us to pray that the Father's will be done here on earth just as it is done in heaven. But the Kingdom is not for everyone; it is only for those who believe in Jesus and have a relationship with him.

Application

We need to believe Hesu as the son of God. He was sent by the Father to reconcile us to God. All God requires from us is to believe Jesu and thank God for what He has done for us. Also, as Christians, we are wealthy in Christ because the Father's inheritance is ours. We should live with appreciation every day.

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