

## Colossians 1:9-14

9-10 For this reason **WE also, since the day we heard it, DO NOT CEASE to PRAY for YOU**, and to **ASK that you may be FILLED with the KNOWLEDGE of His WILL in all WISDOM and spiritual UNDERSTANDING**; that you may have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, **being fruitful** in every good work and **increasing in the KNOWLEDGE of God**;

•**Ephesians 3:14-15** “For this \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.”

•**Ephesians 1:15-18** “Wherefore, I also, \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus, and \_\_\_\_\_ for all the \_\_\_\_\_, do not \_\_\_\_\_ to give thanks for you, making \_\_\_\_\_ of you in my \_\_\_\_\_: that the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and revelation in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, the eyes of your \_\_\_\_\_ would be enlightened; that you may \_\_\_\_\_ what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”

•**Ephesians 5:20** “Giving thanks \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ things to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “Do NOT CEASE to PRAY for YOU” – “Do not cease” means DO NOT STOP.** Paul says he does not stop praying for the Believers there in the Colossian church. We are also commanded to **PRAY ALWAYS, or without ceasing**. We are also commanded to **GIVE THANKS ALWAYS** and **REJOICE ALWAYS**, giving thanks to God in all situations and circumstances. **“Giving thanks ALWAYS for ALL THINGS” (Ephesians 5:20) - This is a matter of TRUST and FAITH.** If you do not TRUST God (have faith in Him) to be WORKING ALL THINGS together for your GOOD (Romans 8:28), then you WON'T BE ABLE to give Him thanks for EVERYTHING that is happening or has happened in your life. **Persistence in prayer** (praying always) is what Jesus meant in His parable in Luke 18, where He said we need to **“ALWAYS PRAY and NOT lose heart.”** To “lose heart” means to become **discouraged and give up**. We may be praying about something for a long time, and think that God is not answering our prayers, but **we should NOT GIVE UP! Keep praying, KEEP GIVING GOD THANKS**, and the Lord will “avenge us speedily” - it's just that His idea of “speedily” is not the same as ours, and He does things in His own perfect timing.

•**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** “Rejoice always, \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_, in everything give \_\_\_\_\_, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Hebrews 13:15** “Therefore by Him let us \_\_\_\_\_ offer the sacrifice of \_\_\_\_\_ to God, that is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to His name.”

•**Ephesians 6:18** “Praying \_\_\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_\_\_ and supplication in the \_\_\_\_\_, being watchful to this end with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for all the saints.”

•**Luke 18:1 & 7-8** “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men \_\_\_\_\_ ought to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lose \_\_\_\_\_.”

(Verses 7-8) “And shall God not avenge His own elect who \_\_\_\_\_ out \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them (come to their rescue) \_\_\_\_\_. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth?”

**Definition: “SUPPLICATION”** — Prayer that is HUMBLE and **EARNEST (Fervent prayer with deep, sincere emotion or feeling)**.

•**James 5:16** “Confess your trespasses one to another, and \_\_\_\_\_ for one another that you may be \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ prayer of a righteous man avails (accomplishes) much.”

•**1 Timothy 2:1** “Therefore I exhort first of all that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, intercessions and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, be made on behalf of all men.”

•**Philippians 4:6-7** “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_, let your \_\_\_\_\_ be made known to God; and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which surpasses all understanding, will \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and minds through Christ Jesus.”

•**Colossians 4:2** “Continue \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, being vigilant in it with \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Matthew 26:41** “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**Definition: “ALL KINDS OF PRAYER”** — Just in the verses above, we have mentioned several KINDS of prayer: **supplication**, **intercessions** (praying for someone else), **GIVING of THANKS**, petitions or **requests** (asking for our own needs). Also, there is the **prayer of praise and worship**, **spiritual warfare** prayer, **confession** of sin, and JUST HAVING A QUIET TIME and CONVERSATION WITH GOD.

•**Acts 16:24-25** “Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner \_\_\_\_\_ and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and the [other] prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ to them.”

•**Psalms 34:1** “I will bless the Lord at \_\_\_\_\_; His \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ be in my mouth.”

•**James 5:13** “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him \_\_\_\_\_. Is anyone cheerful? Let him \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: "PRAYING in the SPIRIT"** — The **Holy Spirit HELPS US** in our praying **when we really get SERIOUS about prayer**. This is not talking about the selfish or foolish requests we sometimes ask of God (see James 4:2-3), but when we are **sincere and earnest**, we don't have to worry about "not praying correctly" or "following a certain prayer formula" — just let God "fill in the blanks".

•**Romans 8:26-27** "Likewise the \_\_\_\_\_ also \_\_\_\_\_ in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should \_\_\_\_\_ for as we ought, but the \_\_\_\_\_ makes \_\_\_\_\_ for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ knows what the mind of the \_\_\_\_\_ is, because He makes intercession for the \_\_\_\_\_ according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

11 **STRENGTHENED with all MIGHT**, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

•**Ephesians 3:16** "That \_\_\_\_\_ would grant (give) you, according to the riches of His glory, to be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ through His \_\_\_\_\_ in the inner man."

•**Philippians 4:13** "I can do \_\_\_\_\_ things through \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ me."

•**Ephesians 6:10** "Finally, my brethren, be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord, and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of His \_\_\_\_\_."

•**Isaiah 41:10** "Fear not, for I am with you; be not \_\_\_\_\_, for I am your \_\_\_\_\_. I will \_\_\_\_\_ you, yes, I will \_\_\_\_\_ you, yes, I will uphold you with My righteous \_\_\_\_\_."

12-14 Giving thanks to **the Father who has QUALIFIED us to be partakers of the INHERITANCE of the SAINTS in the LIGHT**. He has **DELIVERED us from the POWER of DARKNESS** and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom **we have REDEMPTION through His BLOOD**, the forgiveness of sins.

•**Acts 26:18** "To open their \_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_ them from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, and from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, that they may receive \_\_\_\_\_ of sins, and an \_\_\_\_\_ among those who are sanctified by \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_."

•**Acts 20:28** "Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which He \_\_\_\_\_ with his own \_\_\_\_\_."

•**Leviticus 17:11** "For the life of the flesh is in the \_\_\_\_\_; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your \_\_\_\_\_: for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ that makes an atonement for the soul."

•**Hebrews 9:12 & 14** “Not with the \_\_\_\_\_ of goats and calves (the Old Testament sacrifices), but with \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_ He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal \_\_\_\_\_ [for us].”

(Verse 14) “How much more shall the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who through the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ offered Himself without spot (without sin) to God, purge your conscience from dead works to \_\_\_\_\_ the living God?”

•**John 1:7** “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ His Son \_\_\_\_\_ us from all \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Romans 3:24-25a** “Being justified freely by His \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in \_\_\_\_\_, whom God set forth to be a propitiation by His \_\_\_\_\_, through faith...”

•**Acts 20:32** “And now, brethren, I commend you to \_\_\_\_\_ and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an \_\_\_\_\_ among all those who are \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Ephesians 1:11** “In whom also we have obtained an \_\_\_\_\_, being predestined according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ according to the counsel of \_\_\_\_\_ own \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “The Father who has QUALIFIED US to be PARTAKERS”** – It is God Himself who QUALIFIES us to be a part of His kingdom and family, **we do NOT make ourselves qualified** by our own works or efforts. In the sports world, you see **athletes participating in “qualifying races”** or “qualifying matches” to see if they will make it to the semi-finals, and then to the finals, and then to see who will ultimately win the prize or first place. **But when it comes to SALVATION and ETERNAL LIFE, no one on this earth can even make it to the semi-finals, much less earn their way all the way to God’s standard of perfection.** In His grace and mercy, God MAKES US QUALIFIED by imparting to us and imputing to us the RIGHTEOUSNESS of Jesus Christ, and if we believe in Jesus and receive Him as our Savior, that qualifies us to be SAVED and to partake of God’s kingdom.

•**Romans 4:5** “But to him who does \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ on Him who justifies the ungodly, his \_\_\_\_\_ is accounted for \_\_\_\_\_.”

•**Ephesians 1:6** “To the praise of the glory of His \_\_\_\_\_, by which \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ in the Beloved (Jesus, His beloved Son).”

**Definition: "REDEMPTION"** — The act of redeeming, **buying back, freeing from captivity** by paying of a RANSOM. **Jesus PAID, with His BLOOD, which He shed on the cross**, for us to be FREED from the CAPTIVITY of SIN.

•**Ephesians 1:7** "In \_\_\_\_\_ we have \_\_\_\_\_ through His \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the riches of His grace."

**Definition: "PROPITIATION"** — Something that gains the favor or goodwill of someone else. **The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross GAINED GOD'S GOOD WILL and FAVOR** for us, so that we can enter into RELATIONSHIP with Him.

**Definition: "The INHERITANCE of the SAINTS in the LIGHT"** – One of the many wonderful things that happens to a person the moment they receive Jesus as Savior is that **they are REMOVED from Satan's kingdom of DARKNESS and placed into the kingdom of God, which is LIGHT**. This is our inheritance in Jesus Christ, **to be a part of this great kingdom of LIGHT**, as opposed to the darkness of our unbelief.

•**Ephesians 5:8** "For you were once \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ you are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

•**Proverbs 4:18-19** "But the path of the just is like the \_\_\_\_\_ sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the \_\_\_\_\_ is like \_\_\_\_\_; they do not know what makes them \_\_\_\_\_."

•**Romans 13:12-13** "The \_\_\_\_\_ is far spent, the \_\_\_\_\_ is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of \_\_\_\_\_, and let us put on the armor of \_\_\_\_\_. Let us \_\_\_\_\_ properly, as in the \_\_\_\_\_, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in licentiousness and lewdness, not in strife and envy, but \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

•**1 Thessalonians 5:4-5** "But you, brethren, are not in \_\_\_\_\_, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of \_\_\_\_\_ and sons of the \_\_\_\_\_. We are not of the \_\_\_\_\_ nor of \_\_\_\_\_."

•**Matthew 5:16** "Let your \_\_\_\_\_ so shine before \_\_\_\_\_, that they may \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and glorify your \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven."

•**1 John 1:5-7** "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and in Him is no \_\_\_\_\_ at all. If we say that we have \_\_\_\_\_ with Him, and walk in \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ and do not practice the \_\_\_\_\_. But if we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ as He is in the \_\_\_\_\_, we have fellowship with one another, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from \_\_\_\_\_."