

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 _____."