MY DESIRE AND PRAYER FOR YOU

Col. 1:9-28

1. I DO NOT CEASE TO PRAY FOR YOU.

- 1. *When Israel sinned by requesting a king.* (1 Sam 12:19 KJV) And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. (1 Sam 12:23 KJV) Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:
- 2. *To save out of hands of Philistines.* (1 Sam 7:8 KJV) And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.
- 2. MY DESIRE.
 - 1. That you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.
 - 2. That you might walk worthy of the Lord and to be pleasing unto Him.
 - 1. (Col 1:10 KJV) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 - 2. (Col 1:10 NIV) And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,
 - 3. *That you might be fruitful in every good work.* (Col 1:10 KJV) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work,
 - 4. *That you might increase in the knowledge of God.* and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 - 5. That you might be strengthened with all might.
 - 1. According to his glorious power.
 - 2. With all patience and longsuffering.
 - 3. With joyfulness.

3. GIVING THANKS UNTO THE FATHER.

4. WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

1. Made us partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

1. <u>Paul=s mission in life</u>. (Acts 26:15 KJV) And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. (Acts 26:16 KJV) But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; (Acts 26:17 KJV) Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, (Acts 26:18 KJV) To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

- 2. <u>Inheritance by promise</u>. (Gal 3:18 KJV) For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.
- 3. (Eph 1:10 KJV) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: (Eph 1:11 KJV) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (Eph 1:12 KJV) That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
 - 1. <u>Sealed with holy Spirit of promise</u>. (Eph 1:13 KJV) In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
 - 2. <u>*The earnest of our inheritance.*</u> (Eph 1:14 KJV) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.
- 4. <u>Inheritance in the saints</u>. (Eph 1:17 KJV) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (Eph 1:18 KJV) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- 5. <u>The promise of eternal inheritance</u>. (Heb 9:15 KJV) And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.
- 6. <u>Incorruptible inheritance</u>. (1 Pet 1:3 KJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (1 Pet 1:4 KJV) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, (1 Pet 1:5 KJV) Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

2. Has delivered us from the power of darkness.

- 1. Darkness associated with Satan.
- 2. Darkness associated with death.
 - 1. (Job 10:21 KJV) Before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;
 - 2. (Job 17:12 KJV) They change the night into day: the light is short because of darkness. (Job 17:13 KJV) If I wait, the grave is mine house: I have made my bed in the darkness.

- 3. Has translated us into the kingdom of His Son.
- 4. We already have redemption.
 - 1. Forgiveness of sins.
 - 2. It is through his blood.

5. **THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS.**

- 1. He is the image of the invisible God.
- 2. *He is the firstborn of every creature.*
- 3. By him were all things created.
 - 1. In heaven and earth.
 - 2. Visible and invisible.
 - 3. Thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers.
 - 4. All things created by him and for him.
 - 5. He is before all things.
 - 6. By him all things consist.
- 4. *He is the head of the body, the church.*
- 5. He is the firstborn from the dead.
- 6. That in all things he might have the preeminence.

6. MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.

- 1. Has reconciled all things unto Himself.
- 2. **Reconciled in the body of His flesh.**
 - 1. (Col 1:21 KJV) And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
 - 2. (Col 1:22 KJV) In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:
- 3. If you continue in the faith.
 - 1. Grounded and settled.
 - 2. Be not moved away from the hope of the gospel.
- 4. Christ in you.
 - 1. A mystery hid from ages and generations.
 - 2. Now manifest to his saints.
 - 3. Whom we preach.
 - 4. Whom we warn.
 - 5. Whom we teach in all wisdom.
- 7. THAT WE MIGHT PRESENT EVERY MAN PERFECT.