

PRAYING LIKE PAUL

PLP-22 “Giving Thanks”

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PAUL’S PRAYER

COL 1:9-12 “And so, from the day we heard [of your faith and love], we have not ceased to pray for you:

- asking **THAT** you may be filled with the knowledge of His will
 - in all spiritual wisdom
 - and spiritual understanding...
- ¹⁰ **SO AS** 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;
 - ¹¹ being strengthened with all power,
 - according to His glorious might,
 - for all endurance and patience with joy;
 - ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light:
 - ¹³ Who has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
 - ¹⁴ In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

To most believers, “giving thanks” is a casual, and often overlooked, dimension of the Believers life. Like the “10 Lepers”, only “1” returned to give thanks. The joy of what we have received, and our concentration on what lies ahead of us, can easily occupy our life. But “Giving Thanks” is part of the “walk that pleases Him.” This is why Paul makes this a matter of PRAYER for the Believers.

GIVING THANKS

- “Giving Thanks...” – As I have often expressed, “Thanksgiving” is the offering of gratitude for what has been receive by grace, with the expectation of continued grace. – All that we have received is BY the “grace of God.” Recognizing that calls for a response of “Thanks!”

- “To the Father...” is - “having received the supernatural ability” – This ability is the act of God by which “dunamis” is granted to the believer by God so that their actions are by His power – The One to whom continual gratitude is to be offered... -our “Walk”
- “Who has made us qualified...” is – “To cause to meet the standard” – the verb form means He has and continues to keep us qualified – We offer our gratitude to the Father because He is the One who causes us to meet the standard ... that HE has established
- “To share in the inheritance...” – So that we might share – Having “met the standard” we can “receive our Allotted Portion” – ALL who have received His Son Receive THIS!
- “Of the Saints in Light” - The “Light” modifies the “Inheritance” - This Inheritance is of another Kingdom ... the (Kingdom) of Light “In which are ALL the Saints...” – This Light is the place where all the Saints reside – Light is a manifestation of the presence of God No matter what the Saints encounter in this world... they are dwelling in their “Allotted place in the Light of God’s presence”
- “Who... (The Father) HAS translated us...” – By the reality of His Supreme Authority and His Sovereign Rule
 - “Translated...” – to have removed from one place of abiding to another place to abide -
 - “[Out- From] the Kingdom Darkness...” – He moved us “out-From” a Kingdom “dominated by darkness” – fear; oppression; bondage; sin; and death...
 - “Into the Kingdom of The Son of His Love...” – This “Kingdom” is one of Light and is dominated by the Son upon whom He has bestowed His Love...
- “In Whom... (The Son) – HE is both the the Agency and the Result
 - “We HAVE Redemption...” – Freedom from captivity obtained by the payment of a Ransom...
 - “The Forgiveness of sins.” – The “result of our Redemption” is the forgiveness of the “sin” which WAS our Captor... “putting away”