

Colossians 1:12-14

A Biblical Model of Prayer (part 2)

The 4th outcome of this prayer: Joyful Thanksgiving

4 Reasons for Joyful Thanksgiving

1. God has Qualified Us (v. 12)
2. God has Delivered Us (v. 13a)
3. God has Transferred Us (v. 13b)
4. God has Redeemed Us (v. 14)

Application of Colossians 1:12-14

1. In this passage we see thanksgiving is part of the outcome of a life that is filled with the knowledge of God's will and therefore, of one who lives in a manner worthy of the Lord. What role does thanksgiving play in your life? In what ways can you seek to be more thankful?
2. Meditate on the following verses related to thanksgiving Col 2:6; 3:15-17; Eph 5:4, 19-20; 1 Thess 5:16-18 and prayerfully consider how you can apply this truth in your life
3. Reflect on your unworthiness to receive an inheritance from the Father (e.g. Eph 2:1-3; Rom 3:10-18, 23; 8:7-8) and thank God for the privilege it is to call God "Father" (e.g. John 1:12-14; Rom 8:14-17; 1 John 3:1)
4. Consider what the Father's inheritance is for believers (e.g. Matt 19:29; Heb 1:14; Heb 6:12; 1 Cor 15:5-54) and use this as a basis for thanksgiving
5. Because we have been transferred to the Kingdom of Christ..., who is our king and therefore, how should we live?
6. Thank God for choosing to give up His "beloved Son" in order to bring us to Himself (John 3:16; Rom 5:8-11)
7. Thank God for redemption, the forgiveness of your sin
8. How do you think reflecting upon and giving thanks to God for what He has done can help you in moments you might feel depressed, discouraged, or bitter?
9. Pray for God to open the eyes of the hearts of unbelievers, because they remain under the control of Satan in "the domain of darkness" (see 2 Cor 4:3-4)

Reading this week: Read & pray through the 1st chapter of Colossians numerous times this week. Read Psalm 146 ahead of Pastor Brad's sermon

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>A Biblical Model of Prayer (part 2)</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>	The 4 th outcome of this prayer... Joyful Thanksgiving 4 Reasons for Joyful Thanksgiving 1. God has _____ us (v. _____) 2. God has _____ us (v. 13a) 3. God has _____ us (v. 13____) 4. God has _____ us (v. _____)	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<u>Verses</u>		

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Inheritance	Kingdom	Paul	Thanks/thanksgiving/ thankfulness

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: