



Week 5: A Different Kind of Prayer, Part 2
Sunday, September 25, 2022

† A prayer God wants to answer
Colossians 1:9-14

† Strengthened
Colossians 1:11a, Ephesians 1:19-20, 3:16-19

† Endurance and patience
Colossians 1:11b

† The central counter-intuitive
Colossians 1:12a, Philippians 4:6

† Qualified!
Colossians 1:12b, Titus 3:3-4

† Inheritance
Colossians 1:12b

† Rescued
Colossians 1:13

† Redeemed
Colossians 1:14

Questions for reflection and discussion

- Paul prays we would be strengthened with *all the power of God's glorious might*. This is an incredible thought! If this is a prayer God desires to answer, how do we receive this? What may be things preventing us from experiencing God's strength? How have you experienced the strength of God's power and presence in your life?
- Paul prays we would be strengthened so we may have great *endurance and patience*. What perspectives help us experience these gifts? How has God provided these for you in the past? What are ways we need endurance and patience in our lives right now?
- In what ways is the New Testament call toward joyful gratitude counter-intuitive? As disciples, how does our source of gratitude differ from that of the world around us?
- What is our inheritance as God's people? How do we experience this now, and not just 'heaven when we die'?
- Paul says we have been both "rescued from the dominion of darkness" and "brought into the Kingdom of light." What do these mean? What is significant about the distinction between 'dominion' and 'Kingdom'?
- What is the significance of redemption & forgiveness - both in this life now, and for eternity? How might we minimize this gift?

Next week: Communion- The great importance of remembering

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