

Colossians - Chapter 1

“God’s Power at Work in the Believer”

Colossians 1:11-14

Verse 11

1. We are strengthened by **His** power from _____. vs. 29;
cf. Ephesians 3:16
2. As we yield to the Holy Spirit, His power begins to work _____ us and through us.
3. As Christ's power works in and through us, it is revealed in our attitudes and actions.

His power produces patience.

- The word “*patience*” means “endurance when circumstances are _____.”

His power produces longsuffering.

- Patience has more to do with circumstances, but longsuffering has more to do with _____.

His power produces _____.

- Is it possible to have joy even when you're enduring adverse circumstances?
- It only comes as we are strengthened by His Spirit in our inner man. It is supernatural. Galatians 5:22
- “*Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.*” **2 Corinthians 7:4**

- *“And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.”*

1 Thessalonians 1:6

Verse 12

1. Shallow believers are only thankful when circumstances are _____.
2. But, mature believers are thankful (all the time) for the glorious position that they now have in Christ.
3. God has made us meet (qualified) to be partakers (sharers) of the inheritance of the saints in _____ (as opposed to eternal darkness in the lake of fire).

Verse 13-14

There are four wonderful blessings that we see in these verses that Christ has provided for the salvation of sinners:

1. **Christ has delivered us. vs. 13a**
 - The word *“delivered”* means “to _____ from danger.”
 - Christ has delivered us from the power of darkness. This speaks of Satan's _____ and authority.
 - The moment a person trusts Christ, he is delivered _____ of Satan's kingdom of darkness and is made _____ of Christ's kingdom of light. Ephesians 5:8
2. **Christ has _____ us. vs. 13b**
 - Christ has delivered us out of one kingdom and translated us into another. He immediately _____ our citizenship into another kingdom.

- *“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.”* **Philippians 3:20**
 - We have already been translated into this kingdom and seated in heavenly places. Ephesians 2:6
3. **Christ has _____ us. vs. 14a**
- The word “redeemed” carries the idea of paying a _____ to release a prisoner.
 - Sin, death, and eternal damnation had us in their grip, but Christ paid the ransom and set us _____. We have been redeemed.
4. **Christ has _____ us. vs. 14b**
- The word “forgiven” means “to send away; to _____ a debt.” Christ not only redeemed us from the slave market of sin, He canceled every debt so we could _____ be enslaved again.
 - Forgiveness is an act of God's grace that is legally just and righteous, based on Christ's work for sinners.
 - Forgiveness is rooted in and based on the complete work of redemption that Christ accomplished on the cross. It is the _____ way that God can legally and morally forgive sins.