

## Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 1.9-14

“Living for God”

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

### Paul’s Prayer for Them

- Caring enough to write / Caring enough to pray
- 1. **v9** ~ “**be filled with the knowledge of His will**”
  - wisdom / spiritual understanding
- 2. **v10** ~ “**walk worthy of the Lord**”
  - fully pleasing Him / being fruitful / increasing in knowledge of God
- 3. **v11** ~ “**strengthened with all might**”
  - His glorious power / patience & long suffering / with joy
  - **martyr**: modern definition is not flattering
- 4. **v12** ~ “**giving thanks to the Father**”
  - who has qualified us to be partakers (*our works unrelated to standing*)

### God has Rescued Us / We are Safe

- **v13a** ~ “**He has delivered us from the power of darkness**”
  - As slaves in Egypt the Jews awaited salvation / deliverance
  - They lived in bondage / they were slaves and longed for freedom
    - Similarly, all mankind lives in bondage to sin / seeking deliverance
  - The Jews didn’t fully recognize & embrace salvation when it came
    - Similarly, many of us fail to recognize our real & true deliverance
- **v13b** ~ “**and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**”
  - Note that all of this is in written in past tense / **Reread v13**
  - All of this has already occurred / It is not a work in progress
  - What is a work in progress is our realization of it / acceptance of it

God has “**qualified us to be partakers**” at this table

God alone disqualifies us from being partakers at this table

His Word requires that we be:

baptized into His covenant,

members in good standing of “real” Christian churches

This is a celebration of our deliverance from the power of darkness

A celebration of having been conveyed into the kingdom of light