

## My Notes 5-23-2023 Tuesday Meeting

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If you're following along in your Bible you wanna get to Colossians. That I find to be very instructional and edifying, and let's begin here in [Colossians 1:10](#) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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**14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:  
**15** Who is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:  
**16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:  
**17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.  
**18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.  
**19** For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell;

So Lord, we pray you bless our studies here in the book of Colossians we understand this to be a very deep portion of scripture and already we're excited by the possibilities and potentials and the the learning of this. So you guide and lead us. We depend upon your Spirit in Jesus name amen.

All right, we'll begin with [Colossians 1:10](#) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; and we're going to expound these various phrases. Great teachings here from the apostle

Paul s I have it underlined here, where our emphasis will be that ye might walk worthy of the Lord. So let's talk a little bit about our walk with God, and this is a a teaching that we find throughout the scriptures. So we'll go all the way back and we're going to link it all together. We have this first case where the expression is put forth in the book of [Genesis 5:24](#) And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him. With this veritable saint of the Old Testament Enoch, and Enoch walked with God, and he was not. For God took him. So we'll talk a little bit more about him a little bit later on, but for now we just see the Bible doesn't tell us much here I mean this it we would like to have a whole commentary on this portion, but we only have a single verse. It tells us here about a saint in the antediluvian days that lived amongst some true perversions all this that was surrounding him at the time, and yet here, as an example, he walks with God in the midst of it. So let that be an encouragement to all of us. You also are surrounded by perverse and distorted thinking that we can also walk with God, and we're also looking forward to him coming to take us. So he took him. If you go to the book of Genesis, you're going to find everybody else there in that genealogical passage died. Enoch doesn't die, escapes death he is raptured he's the first case of an individual that is raptured out of the seven cases in the Bible of people that will be raptured or taken up without dying. So we may get back to this in just a bit. The emphasis for now though, is that he walked with God, whatever that might mean as far as his limitations in the Old Testament with they have no testament. There's no writings. There is only the verbal words of God. And these people walk with God. It's it's a true case of faith, having faith, just believing what God has said without having the portion of scripture to read daily. So. So we could go back, maybe even before this and and at least look at the case of Adam in [Genesis 3:8](#) Both Adam and Eve, they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day now because of what happens in Genesis three, we understand there that this is their fall, but there's a positive in this in the sense that apparently they had already been walking with God in the garden in the cool of the day, that this was something that they experienced a personal walk with God until they had sinned, and then they were cast out of the garden. This is what they forfeited by their disobedience, but at least we again understand God communicating with his creation in this fashion, and that before the sin entered into the world, there was this wonderful intercourse between the Creator and the creation, and that was all disturbed at the moment of the curse and separation was caused. We have this to look forward to in the restored creation, in the time that Jesus returns and brings peace on earth and goodwill to men, and God is in the midst of his people. This we can look forward to again with this uninterrupted fellowship walking with God in the garden. Let's take a look at Noah again. Here is an anti diluvian illustration. This here's a man walking by faith in the midst of unbelief the anti diluvian's now whose minds and hearts were so distorted with, they thought of their hearts were only evil continually, as the Bible describes. That we have one man in the midst of all of this, that stands for God, that is walking with God. Notice the passage in [Genesis 6:9](#) These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. So we can only imagine the challenges that he faced in the midst of all of this. So three illustrations a just man, perfect man, one that walked with God, so just he's justified in the sight of God. He finds grace in the sight of God he's perfect in his generations. In this sense, we know that there's relative perfection and absolute perfection. Only God is absolutely perfect we are perfect in the sense of maturing and walking by faith, which is what Noah was in the midst of his generations, so that meaning again, that everything around him had really corrupted. So I say to all the saints, let's take hope I realized what the world is trying to do. The world is, and the media are trying to take our hope away from us in some sense to make us fearful people, anybody that is addicted to the news and tunes in to hear the

latest forecast of gloom, I would suggest this is not good for us, and it doesn't build us up, but doesn't edify us in any fashion after all, we know what's going to happen, we shouldn't be shocked or surprised by it, and we look forward with great expectation to the new world, the one that the Lord is going to bring to us, and Noah did likewise. So he could have become despondent, but he didn't. In the midst of all of this, he decides to walk with God and becomes a witness to a lost world and a fallen generation. So let us walk with God, as did Noah. Then we move on through the lineage here and we see Abraham, [Genesis 17:1,19](#) So when Abraham was 90 years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abraham, and said it to him I am the Almighty God walk before me, and be thou perfect, and God said, Sarah, thy wife shall bear thee son indeed, and thou shalt call his name Isaac. So this is a grand illustration. also, here's a man at 99 and the wife is 90 and clearly beyond childbearing, and here is God promising, and kind of restoring and renewing the covenant that began in the 15th and 12th chapters. So the 17th chapter is reconfirming when he told him., and now it's even harder for Abraham to believe removed from the covenant, but God kept his word. Abraham, as we can see here, walked by faith he walked before God. I am the Almighty God walk before me, and be thou perfect. So we're placed again in this circumstance of perfection as we've talked before, and we'll take teach again at some point, this concept of perfection or maturing, absolute perfection belongs to God and relative perfection in the sense of maturing as a believer belongs to us. Then we'll look at Moses [Deuteronomy 10:12](#) So now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God to walk in all his ways and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul. So nothing really changes in the New Testament. It's really this is certainly complies to what we read in the New Testament as well. When they asked Jesus the great commandment in [Matthew 22:37](#) it was to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, thy soul in their mind, and certainly here we can add to that to walk in all his ways, walking all of his. Raise, so we might say walking is practicality now aren't. We can talk theory all that you want, but God wants us not just to talk about it, but to walk it, right? So we've got to walk with God, which means to actually put it in action, to walk in all his ways, and then he gives illustration to love him, to serve him with all your heart, with all your soul. Let's look at David's life. So these are the great luminaries of the Old Testament, and [1 Kings 9:4](#) The word comes to Solomon, If thou wilt walk before me as David thy father walked. So this is the illustration of David's life. He walked in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and will keep my statutes and my judgments the promise here in [First Kings 9](#) to Solomon, If you do what your father did, all will be well. So your father walked in integrity of heart, and I'm brightness to do according to all that I have commanded the so that's part of our walk with the Lord as well. Let's look at [Isaiah 30:21](#) Uh it gives us this word, and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way walk you in it. When you turn to the right hand or when you turn to the left. So we hear the voice, Isaiah says when you hear the voice of your speaker, the teachers, behind you. This is the way walk ye in it, so we're not left here without instruction. Someone once said that the the word Bible. Bible I could form an acronym, and we could say uh Bible standing for basic instructions before leaving earth. So we do have this instruction manual that all of us are reading, committing to heart, and trying to the best of our abilities to live in it and walk in it. So this is the word that is behind us and we can hear it to speaking to us. When we would turn to the right hand or to the left, God wants us to stay the course walk with him. Let's look at [Jeremiah 7:23](#) here. So we have Jeremiah saying, but this thing commanded, I them saying obey my voice, and I will be your God, and he shall be my people, and walk he in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. We'll look at [Micah 6:8](#) So he had showed the oh man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to

love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. So there's such, you know, beautiful consonants through the Bible. What begins all the way back in the book of Genesis you can see it kind of continuing and flowing as a revelation through the entirety of Scripture. We can even get to the New Testament, where Paul says in [Ephesians 5:8, 15](#) For you were sometimes darkness, but now are you light in the Lord walk as children of light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, and there's so many other instructions as to walking with God that the other says well. So again, back to the continuity of walking with the Lord and our current text. That's Speaking of the walk that we have with Jesus. So let's get practical about this. We can speak against theoretically, but let's get some practical information about how to walk with God. What does it mean to walk with God, and so we would turn to [Psalm 89:15](#) So they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. God has laid forth his way and and has expressed it here in the book that we're studying. So that we can not get lost, so to speak now sometimes the road may seem rather circuitous, and walking with God will often have twists and turns to it, but it's always leading in a singular direction. So we want to walk with God in the light of His countenance.

Number #1 Alright, so the first thing, of course, obviously is to be saved. So if we're to walk with God, we have to first understand what salvation is, and [Acts 16:31](#) is, you know, simplistically believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Of course, there's much information in the Bible about salvation and how one is to be saved, the process whereby God does his saving. I like [Romans 3:23-25](#) It says for all of sin and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth to be a propitiation through faith in the blood. And and you know the the process there in [Romans 3](#) all has to do with how a person is actually justified in the sight of God, how we are saved. So the whole process is laid out there in [Romans 3](#), but it all boils down to faith. So believe it, and so it's a very simplified form in [Acts 16:31](#) the jailer. What does he know about the Bible? What does he even understand about Israel? I would have to say very little, but when he asked the question what must I do to be saved? Paul doesn't go into an extensive explanation of how a person is saved. He merely tells him what to do to be saved, which is believe, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ thou shalt be saved. So it's really childlike faith and belief brings us to Christ. It's later, as we grow in Christ and walk with Christ, that we begin to appreciate what was done in our behalf, and reading passages like Romans Three really intensifies our love and devotion to him, because we recognize what it cost to redeem us. So yes, the walk with God has to begin with salvation, has to begin there. So you have to be saved then. After that we would have to say, well, now the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us, and thus we're justified. We believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit comes into our heart and our life, and everything becomes new. Old things are passed away. Behold, all things become new.

Number #2 Well, secondly, we should be baptized. So we have. The scripture is very clear about this as well. It's believers baptism, and in [Romans 6:3-5](#) we understand that we're baptized as a symbol of the old life being buried. It's a burial, a water burial old life buried and then risen in newness of life. Resurrection so that's what baptizo in the original Greek that's what the word means, but baptize is nothing more than an anglicized form of that Greek word. So it it speaks of immersion the word itself about teach so just means to immerse something in water. So person that is baptized should be

immersed under the water. Baptism doesn't save, it's a symbol of that salvation, but it would be the first step of obedience. After all, Christ commanded us in the Great Commission to be baptized. This is a symbol of our identification with the Lord. Now again, there are many people that have been baptized to just what I thought that was going to wash their sins away. Or for whatever reason, they were excited for the moment and then they've fallen away. The water has no power to save. It's only meaningful if the commitment is true. So we walk with God. The first step of obedience would be to be baptized as a believer in Christ, and that would mean immersed in water.

Number #3 Thirdly I'd say, well, what do we do? We have to grow from there. So [John 5:39](#) tells us search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life and they are they which testify me and so many places do we find the power of God in the word, the power to say [James 1:21](#) says received with meekness, the engrafted word which is able to save your soul. [John 5:24](#) He said Verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life. So reading the scriptures wonderfully valuable to the believer, it is searching the scriptures. In fact, in John Five it's one thing to read. It's quite another thing to search the scriptures. Here's where Paul says in [2 Timothy 2:15](#) Study to show thyself approved. So we have to read the scriptures. Directly become acquainted with the and then from there to actually search them out. So I've always made it a practice for many, many years to read the Bible through. Each year, and as you become even more familiar with it, you can you can read it through. Two times a year. I read twice a year. So you can get through the Bible by reading three or four chapters a day if you want to get through in a year. And that's that's something that every believer wants to do. Now, admittedly, the Bible is not an easy book to read. They're they're places in it that are profoundly difficult, but this is what we have, is the divine record. This is what God has given to us, and we're told in [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction, and righteousness. So there's a great value in the reading and the searching of the Scriptures, and this is one way to walk with God. So we make it a daily habit to read the scriptures. And next I'd say walking with God would have to say #4 would be.

Number #4 Personal prayer. So this is communing with God, and this is something that we can do unceasingly, as you see here in [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#), and we studied a few weeks ago. To pray without ceasing, this means that our our whole life is a communion with God. We're always in communion with the Almighty. There's specific praying, there's times when it's it, dialogue with God, and I say dialogue. There's a sense in which praying is our speaking to God, but God speaks to us, and he speaks primarily through his word guides and leads us and gives us the impressions of the heart. So praying is essential if we're to walk with God. We must acknowledge that he is and a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Well, first, I'd say meditation now, we're not talking about Zen Buddhism here. We're not talking about mindless meditation. We're talking about active meditation. You see here in [Psalm 1:2](#) his delight is in the law of the Lord, and his law doth he meditate day and night, and that portion there also [Joshua 1:8](#) This book of the law should not depart from thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night. So this notion of meditation in the word. So that means reading a passage and stopping, and ruminating taking it in, and taking his full flavor. You know, a lot of people love to eat



and I suppose everybody what we have to have that desire to eat or we can't thrive. So there's a hunger that we have and it's satisfied by eating, but there's one thing to eat, you know, voraciously, where you just kind of inhale the food. There's another way of eating where a person spends his time. What's a mouthful in and savors the moment and enjoys all the flavors before even swallowing. Well, we might say that meditation is that it's not just gulping it down. It's meditating slowly, sometimes upon the meaning. This will mean for the true believer to study, to take on a passage and say this. I need to know more about this. There's more involved here, and I want to stop and meditate on it to some degree. It's what we're doing here this morning and in study of the Scripture, where we're actually taking it apart. We're looking at it closely. We're taking the magnifying glass and taking single phrases effect, and looking into it to a deeper degree, comparing Scripture with Scripture so vitally important for us that we might rightly divide the word of truth. So we meditate day and night, so it should be on our hearts. The Word of God constantly on our hearts, and keep that what he's committed unto us.

Number #5 Then we have #5, which is obedience. If we're going to walk with God, we have to become obedient children. [Romans 6:17](#) says, But God be thanked that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. God loves obedient children, just as a parent enjoys a child that does what they're told. So we should read his word, see what it says, and obey it. There's too many people take offense at strong preaching or convicting preaching. They don't want to feel guilty, That sort of thing, and that's so immature. The believer that would be perfect or perfected must be willing to change. Our life has to change, and this becomes more difficult as we grow older. We become set in our ways, and we're intransigent, but God wants us to be malleable and wants us to obey. You hear the word and say this is, this applies to me now, and I've got to change my habits in my ways, and [1 Peter 1:14](#) He says as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance, but as he which hath called you as holy, so be ye holy. It's a great challenge there so again, it's back to the absolute perfection and relative perfection. We can be wholly in the relative sense, but not absolutely not until we actually leave these mortal bodies can we be absolutely perfect, but you see here that our sanctification is all about being obedient, and not fashioning ourselves, you know, the fashions of the world fade away, it says in [1 John 2:16](#) so we we understand things here in this world. Well, for that matter, fashion as we understand it in a very limited sense. Fashions change, don't they? Nothing seems to be very permanent here in this world. So we don't want to fashion ourselves after that which is temporal. We become spiritual, spiritual people, spiritually minded we seek the favor of God, and as a result, to to win the favor of God, we would be separate from an unbelieving world that blasphemes God every day that essentially we would say walk in the spirit. So this is all about we can say what are what is a walking with God will it. God has sent His spirit to the heart. The believer belongs to him. We are peculiar people in that fashion. We now are the domiciles of God living in us, now we understand that we can grieve the Spirit, We can vex the Spirit, We can quench the Spirit. The Bible tells us all those things, but we can also be filled with the Spirit.

Number #6 We can walk in the spirit you see here in [Galatians 5:16](#) Walk in the spirit shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh, and [Romans 8:1](#) says, Therefore now there's no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit so that's certainly a part of dependence. So we depend upon the guidance of

the indwelling Holy Spirit. What an advantage believers have in the New Testament, Old Testament believers had the Spirit upon them but not in them, the Spirit would come as he did in the case of Saul, and then departed from Saul he would come upon Samson., and then Sampson wished not the Spirit left him that, David prayed take not thy Holy Spirit from me, a prayer that no New Testament believer ever has to pray. We quench the spirit. Yes, we can quench the Spirit, but we can't lose the Spirit.

Number #7 We'd say fellowship is vital [Hebrews 10:25](#) says, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching. Church attendance is vital to the believer. Fellowship with other believers, the encouragement that that offers being in the House of God hearing the words of God and delighting in those words. This is all part of the fellowship singing the songs of Zion, and joining our voice with others as we will, certainly in eternity. So we have to be, well, very careful about this now because we're living in a generation where church is optional. If I feel like it, I go, If I don't, I don't. We've got other other things to do, apparently, and people have found other activities that have taken the place of church. Young people now are encouraged to play soccer and join the leagues on Sunday instead of going to church. This will not bode well for the future of our nation. So I believe every time the church doors are open, believers should be there. Flocking, getting in, can't get enough, and hopefully there's something supplied there from the pulpit that will encourage believers in their walk. All right, let's move on that. So we have that you may walk worthy of the Lord. So we've spent some time about that walk and what a worthy walk is. [Colossians 1:10](#) Being fruitful in every good work. So we have the notion of good works here, good works for necessary uses. Now the Bible encourages us in this, and true faith produces good work we never want to get the the cart before the horse. The error of Catholicism does our good works merit our eternal life? They say that Jesus death on the cross did nothing more than opened the door to heaven. Now we have to work our way in, so we never wanted to be confused with that notion. We cannot follow in that error so it's true faith that produces good work. So in [James 2:17-19](#) Even so, faith, if it hath not works, is dead being alone. Yeah, man may say that most faith and I have works. Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God. Thou doest well the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? So James makes it very clear Martin Luther had a hard time with James. He wanted to, he wanted to exercise it from the New Testament, and we can understand he came from the Catholic tradition. He was a an Augustinian monk he had tried to work his way to heaven and found the futility of that. He even gave himself to self flagellation where he would take chains and whips himself because he believed that that could drive sin out of his life. He went to Rome He knelt on the steps, the pilot steps, you know, instead of Novena on each step he was doing the best he could to work his way into heaven, and then of course he found that they just shielded by faith and that liberated him as a result, he came into conflict with writings like James, but there's really no conflict there. It doesn't need to be any conflict. James is very clear here. So he's talking about faith, Even so faith if it had not worked. So we might say what kind of faith is darkly about here it's not a true faith. So if it has no works, it's not a true faith. The works manifest true faith, there's works are going to just come forth from that. When Paul reached [Titus 2:11-12](#) he uses the second chapter, the 11th verse, and he says the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this

present world. Notice there again it calls very clear about the fact that grace is not a license to sin. It teaches us to live a godly life, just as James says, faith without works is dead because it's by itself, it's just theoretical it is an active. So, yea, a man may say, thou hast faith, I have works. Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. So we show our faith by the good fruit that comes from it. We were just studying on Sunday from Matthew Chapter 7, and Jesus speaks of false prophets, he said in [Matthew 7:16](#) You shall know them by their fruits, and then he gives the illustration of the good tree brings forth good fruit, and the corrupt tree brings forth corrupt fruit. So we know them by their fruits, by their laborers, by the works that come from them. I'll show you my faith. In other words, James is saying, I'll show you that my faith is true by the works that proceed from it. So true faith produces good works and the fruit of the Spirit. It's mentioned in [Galatians 5:22](#) love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. So all of this is what emanates forth from a spirit filled life. Once a person is born of the Spirit, this is what we can expect to see that will come from it, and if it doesn't come forth from it, it would be an indicator that there's no true faith. Again we have Jesus illustrating in just right at this morning and Luke chapter 8. He speaks of the the four different grounds that the sower goes out to sea with the seed and some flat falls upon. You know this well I'm sure. So we have we have three different types of ground that falls on it doesn't really bring any fruit. In each case, no fruit but then Jesus said but they that fell on the good ground bring forth fruit. Right, that brings forth the harvest, some 20 fold, some 60 fold, someone hundredfold, he said. So it brings something, and that's the good seed defines good ground, and that's the heart that receives. So other than that, it would be a false belief system. Believe but they believe for a while, it says in locate but then because of persecution they fall away. So true faith produces wonderful fruit. So every branch in me that beareth not fruit you take it away, and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit I am the vine, you are the branches. Either abide in me, and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit. For without me you can do nothing. All right, so Jesus has played here in the teaching, and this is the true vine teaching in [John 15:5](#) But he's speaking of, you know, fruit bearing remember that just before he offers this teaching, he had cursed the fig tree. That brought no fruit, and he likens it unto Israel the people there they they had leaves enough, but they bore no fruit, describes the Pharisees, the Sadducees they were hypocrites, so, uh Jesus is looking for fruit and those that bear the fruit he says he'll purge, and this purging process is our sanctification. We draw closer to the master, we become more like him. We become useful in his Kingdom. We pursue the dictates of the word. We live it, and we go forth producing some fruit, and God delights that we bring forth more fruit. Here's some passages as well that speak of the good fruit and [Ephesians 2:10](#) We are his workmanship. This comes right after, by grace are you saved through faith, not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not of works. The Standing Man should boast. And then we have we are his workmanship. Created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. So we see here the fruit of salvation is good, it works and grace is very clearly taught the 8th and 9th verses, but after that we are saved. We've already seen Job and I already quoted from [Matthew 7](#) here, so we shall know them by their fruits. Also, [Matthew 3:7](#) will recall when John the Baptist had the Pharisees coming to be baptized he said unto them, oh generation of Vipers, with warned you to flee from the wrath to come. Bring forth therefore fruits, meat for repentance. So John knew what was in their heart, and they were just willing to comply to some kind of outward form of baptism, but what good was that they had to bring fruits, meat for repentance to demonstrate that they had truly. I love the Lord and was coming with pure hearts, but now being made free from sin, and become servants to God. You



have your fruit unto holiness the end everlasting life. So again, we see over and over again this truth is propounded. Faith produces true holiness and true good works. The end of Which is our lasting life, and [Philippians 1:11](#), being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ under the glory and praise of God. So as Jesus warned us, if there's no fruit then there's no salvation. So in [John 15:2,6](#) every branch that beareth not fruit he taketh away, and every branch that beareth fruit purgeth it may bring forth more fruit. If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Alright, so we'll move on here to [Colossians 1:12](#). The part where we become partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light. So we have the hope of the of an eternal inheritance with the Lord. We expect that as Christ has redeemed the world and the promise to redeem the earth from its curse that we shall become heirs with Christ. There in [Romans 8:16-17](#) It says we're the children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, and this is hinting at this inheritance, and the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said in [Matthew 5:5](#) The meek shall inherit the earth. [Hebrews 1:10](#) speaks of this as well. I mean so many places the Bible tells us the promise of inheriting. We had just studied [1 Peter 1:4](#) Remember to an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, that faith not away reserved in heaven. There it is for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. So we did quite an extensive study on this inheritance. That I don't think we need to go back into that study for now, but there's much to this. This is different than any inheritance you might receive here on earth which is corruptible. This is incorruptible it will never fade away, and thankfully, as Peter tells us, it's already on reserve. It's waiting for us in the glory land, and this is what Paul reiterates here in Colossians, that we're partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light. Now that expression, also saints in light, seems to be part of the inheritances. Uh, you know the the word light photos speaks as though there's going to actually be our glorified bodies will actually be luminous, and will shine forth. Remember Moses comes down from the mountain. His face is shining because he's reflected the glory of God, having been in his presence for 40 days. So we would think that the glorified bodies and part of the inheritance of that glorified body is that it will be a transformative experience. Our life will be so much different in our bodies will emit some of that photos, some of the light. So we'll really be shining. So let's shine in the darkness now, even though we have such a glimmer of the light, and [Titus 3:7](#) were told that they were justified by his grace, and we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. So I get my little sermon there. You know you're in the will, it said. All of us have been written in the will, and of course this is yet to be revealed in the future, so we'll move on.

[Colossians 1:13](#) So we have Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son. Let's speak first of the power of darkness, and then we'll get to the translation of the Saints in light. With the power of darkness, well, this is this is the Devil's world. He's called the prince of darkness, isn't he, and [Ephesians 2:2,12](#) and here Martin Luther in that famous human mighty fortress said And though this world with devils's filled. Sure threatened to undo us. We will not fear. For God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness Grim. We tremble not for him. His rage we can't endure below. His doom assure one little word shall fell him. So believers, we try and find the truth of God and we recognize the world

around us, filled with devils, the prince of darkness, the devil always trying to take our joy away from us to dissipate our powers and the master always trying in one way to to waylay us we have to resist this through the power of the Spirit that dwells in us. The power of darkness I mean, you and I can feel it all around us. So we certainly feel the encroachment of the devil and the prince of darkness. It's a time for us to shine brighter than we've ever shine before. In [Luke 22:53](#) Jesus is being taken in the garden, and they take him to his trials, these mock trials that went on here, he says. When I was daily with you in the temple, you stretched forth no hands against me, but this is your hour and the power of darkness. Now we know that the Lord was understanding all of what was to come upon him and in so many places the scripture seemed as though they wanted to take and kill him on the spot, but his hour had not come, but now he speaks of it, but this is your hour. This is the power of darkness, and so he submits himself to the hands of wicked people that would take him in. Crucified him so. We understand the power of darkness. A dog returns to the vomit. It's zenith at the death of Jesus Christ. Certainly we're living in decadent times, and I would encourage everybody to realize that there have been worse times, and this certainly was the the zenith of darkness. When they took the Lord Jesus the Son of God, and with wicked hands crucified him. It doesn't get any worse than that. So we'll take hope that Jesus is coming, returning in power and glory, and you'll come back with marvelous light, in fact in [2 Thessalonians 2:8](#) And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

In [Revelation 6:12](#) it speaks of the sun being darkened the moon not giving its light just like in the days of Noah or Moses, in the days of the Exodus, there was a darkness that could be felt over the land. So we would think in the Revelation as just before Jesus returns to earth, the world will go through this impenetrable darkness and will bring great fear and trembling in the hearts of men. So we come to the return of the Lord with great glory. To dissipate the darkness. [John 12:35](#) Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while as the light with you. He's talking to his disciples just before he's to be crucified so he says, walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you. He that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. Now they weren't aware of what Jesus was meaning here. A little while the light is with you, and then he says, then the then the light will be taken away, and then he will be back again and you rejoice again. He gives them the hope of the resurrection, but for now he addresses the theme of of living in the dark world, and understanding that this is just for a little time and a little while, you and I will be glad that we believed in that the Lord will come in brilliance and power, and the light will overtake the darkness. Now this phenomenon of darkness that we see in [Genesis 1:1-3](#) Where we have in the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth the earth was without form and void. Darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of the Lord moved upon the face of the waters, and God said, Let there be light, and there was light. So the phenomenon of darkness we might say it's the absence of light, and that light, after all, wherever light is, darkness has to flee. So it recedes wherever you bring light. So if you, you know, we've had some power outages now and then all the lights go out, and you go fumbling for your flashlight or candle, and as soon as you light the candle, then you can see again, right? And but it's kind of a frightful moment when you're in darkness, so likewise, the world is in darkness and experiencing the power of darkness, which is around us, surrounding us. In the spiritual sense, likewise people are in darkness until they come to Christ. What can we expect from them? So we may lament the perverseness of our generation, but what can you expect from them? Their minds are darkened the devil has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the glorious light of the gospel of Christ, who is the image of God,

should shine unto them, it says in [2 Corinthians 4:3-4](#) But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

**4** In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the **image** of God, should shine unto them. So in [John 3:19-20](#) This is the condemnation. Light has come into the world, and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil, where everyone that two of the evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deed should be reprov'd. How true that is, and we see the evidence of this prince of darkness, those now brought so many of these addictive powers to bear upon the souls of men. There's the passage I had just quoted, [Second Corinthians 4](#), and the God of this world, or the Prince of darkness, We can see him here, and he seems to be in control of everything that's happening., and he's he's got so many people under arrest, and various habits that keeps people bound, and the many people wanna be free from these things. It's very difficult for them to get loose once the devil puts his claws in you. Not impossible though, and I try to encourage people. [1 John 4:4-6](#) That greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world. So there's no reason for us to shrivel and think that we can't overcome. We have the power to overcome that power is resident in the believers heart. So that's the power of darkness [Ephesians 6:12](#) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places. Well, we need some more time to develop at this point, but we'll just begin here for a moment. [Colossians 1:12](#) So he delivered us from the power of darkness, and have translated us into the Kingdom of his dear son. Now this word translate. We have very limited understanding of it today. We would use it when we speak about translating language, but the concept is conveying it out of one aspect into another translation. That's what translation is. So this isn't just translating words. We'll use the expression and [Hebrews 11:5](#) By faith by faith Enoch was translated. So what does that mean? So here again in [Hebrews 11](#) we have a Greek word meta to tithemi, which is a method of course is something that's above something that's beyond. tithemi has to do with existence such the transposition. Where we are, let's see here what we have to transpose, to transfer, to change, to transfer oneself to government, to pass away or even to fall away. So we have that notion. So the concept of translation here speaks especially about that glorious change that's going to take place and our current text, the the change that happened, as we mentioned earlier, to Enoch. The rapture where he was carried away, he walked with God, and he was not. For God took him, and Hebrews comment on that as he was translated. God took him, He was translated. So changing form. [Philippians 3:20-21](#) speaks of our conversation being in heaven, from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ who changed, who will change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body. So this translation is what the whole creation is groaning and travailing, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. So even this flesh that we have so much trouble with, that doesn't submit easily to the dictates of God, that has to be put into discipline and subjectivity for us to get any victories over sin, but that body is going to be translated. It's going to be that it will take on a new form as I mentioned earlier, I think it'll be a light form there'll we will be glistening, as it were. We remember Jesus of the transfiguration, and he's glistening as white as snow, you know, and he's shining forth, and we'll have a body like his. This is the hope of our glorification. All right well, we'll pick it up here in Colossians next week, but this is hopefully, an edifying handful of promise here in Colossians.

Dear God, we pray your blessing upon our students here today, everybody that participated in the class, and we're hoping, Lord, that we've learned something more and been excited by the truth of God's word. Let us indeed be those who walk worthy. We understand that the devil will do all that he can to surround us and the powers of darkness, and in some ways try to entrap us. Help us, Father, deliver above and the Spirit of the living God fill us. May we be unsatisfied until we know that we are being perfected and being holy, as you want us to be, and lead us, Lord, in your service, help us to find a means whereby we might show others the way, the truth, and the life. So bring a blessing to each and all here. Lord, these students all have different needs. Everybody here Lord the facing different trials and tribulations. That's why we're glad to open the word, and just for this brief time, Lord that we can get our minds elsewhere, but now, Lord, we have to return to some of the temporal problems that beset us. May we do so in victory and power each day in Jesus name Amen.