

Thankful, Powerful Prayer

Colossians 1:3-14

- 1) We receive Christ as our Savior through faith alone (3-5)
 - a) The object of saving faith is Jesus Christ
 - b) The fruit of saving faith is love for God's people
 - c) The peace of our salvation rests on hope
 - d) The avenue to belief is the preached word of truth
- 2) The gospel of Christ spreads throughout the world (6-8)
 - a) Started in Jerusalem; continues today
 - b) God's grace experienced through the preaching of truth
- 3) Prayer for other Christians is powerful and effective (9-11)
 - a) We pray for them with patient diligence
 - b) We pray they will be filled with the knowledge of God's will
 - c) We expect it will aid their walk with Christ, pleasing Him
 - d) We assume they will grow in knowledge of God
 - e) We envisage they will be strengthened with all power
 - f) We foresee them attaining devotion to Christ and patience with great joy
- 4) Thankfulness in prayer is predicated on Christ's work
 - a) He gave us an eternal inheritance (12)
 - b) He delivered us from darkness to light (13)
 - c) He redeemed us from sin's power and forgave us (14)