

THANKS TO THE LORD...

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Read text: **Colossians 1:9-14.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. The child of God ought to always give Him thanks.
 - 1) **Eph. 5:20** "...giving thanks always..."
 - 2) **1 Thess. 5:18** "in everything give thanks..."
2. Paul lists **4 things** for which we ought to give thanks.

C. Too many to list...

DISCUSSION: WE SHOULD GIVE THANKS FOR...

I. THE PROMISED INHERITANCE.

A. **Col. 1:12: He hath made us "MEET" to be partakers.**

1. MEET = "to equip one with adequate power to perform duties." (Thayer's Greek Definitions) – Strong's Dictionary says, "to enable, that is, qualify: - make able (meet)."
 - 1) Thus, God has given us the ability to be partakers of the eternal inheritance.
 - 2) **1 Peter 1:3-4** Tells us **WHAT** the inheritance is - Eternal in the heavens.
 - 3) **1 Pet. 1:22-23** Tells us **HOW** to attain.
 - a. We are qualified by OBEDIENCE!
 - b. By the word, we are born again.
 - 4) **1 Pet. 3:20-21** The **MANNER** of the new birth.
2. When we obey the gospel, we begin a new life (**Rom. 6:4**).

B. We must keep on living the obedient life. Never give it away!

II. OUR DELIVERANCE FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS!

A. **Col. 1:13. Notice the power of darkness.**

B. The power of darkness is the realm of Satan.

- 1) Darkness represents separation from God.
2. Men walk in darkness **by choice. Rom. 6:16-17** WE choose our master.

C. Thank God that we were delivered from darkness and can continue in the light.

1. **Eph. 4:27** "Neither give place to the devil."
2. **James 4:7** "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

III. THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON.

A. **Col. 1:13** Translated us...

1. **TRANSLATED** = to transpose, transfer, remove from one place to another; change of situation or place (Thayer's).
2. **Act 2:41** "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (**Acts 2:47** "added.")

B. "Into the kingdom of His dear son..."

1. **Matt. 16:18-19.** (Read).
 - 1) The **kingdom is the church.**
 - 2) "My church..." (**Vs. 18**)
 - 3) "Keys of the kingdom..." (**Vs. 19**)

C. One day Christ will return to judge mankind.

1. Those who are faithful in the kingdom will be saved.
 - 1) **Eph. 5:23**. Savior of the body.
 - 2) **Rev. 2:10** “be thou faithful” = keep on being...

IV. THE REDEEMING BLOOD OF CHRIST!

A. **Col. 1:14** “in whom we have redemption through His blood!”

1. “Redemption” = the payment of ransom. Deliverance in **Heb. 11:35**.
2. We can’t say we have no need of redemption.
 - 1) **Rom. 3:23**. (All have sinned.)
 - 2) Therefore, everyone needs redemption.
3. This redemption not based upon money or wealth.
 - 1) **1 Pet. 1:18-19** “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”

B. We can have FORGIVENESS OF SIN THROUGH JESUS!

1. **Col. 1:14**: (What makes forgiveness possible? The blood of Jesus.)
2. The blood of Jesus paid the ransom for us. Bought us back!
 - 1) **Eph. 1:7** “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”
 - 2) **Rom. 3:23-24** “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”

V.CONCLUSION:

- A. These verses speak of things for which we should be thankful.
- B. God has done so much for each of us.
- C. Just think where we would be without such wonderful blessings.