

Part 5 – The Book of Colossians

Colossians 1:10-17

The Apostle Paul's Prayer....continued

Colossians 1:9 For this reason also, since the day **we** heard of it, **we** have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

Colossians 1:10 **so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;**

"Good" - "pert[aining] to meeting a high standard of worth and merit, good"
(BDAG)

Matthew 7:24-27 **24** "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine **and acts on them**, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on **the rock**. **26** **Everyone** who hears these words of Mine and **does not act on them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—**and great was its fall.**”

Colossians 1:11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might **for the display of** all patience and steadfastness, joyfully. **NET**

The expression “for the display of” is an attempt to convey in English the force of the Greek preposition εἰς (eis) in this context it is the purpose or goal. .

“state of remaining tranquil while awaiting an outcome, patience, steadfastness, endurance” (BDAG).

Psalms 111:2 Great are the works of the Lord; They are studied by all who delight in them.

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

"Who has qualified **us** to share ..." = "He has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in the light" **NET**.

1 Peter 1:4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, **reserved** in heaven for you,

13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

"**Rescued**" = "to rescue from danger, save, rescue, deliver, preserve [someone]" (BDAG).

"**Transferred**" = "transfer from one place to another, removal (BDAG).

So the 3 clauses that warranted their thanksgiving to God are:

1. **who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.**
2. **He rescued us from the domain of darkness**
3. **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

A note by Bill Ramey from his diagram notes on this verse:

***"Son"** - Jesus Christ's "sonship" pertains to heirship and ruling over a literal kingdom at the distant shoreline of the coming apocalyptic Kingdom with tsunami-like power.*

When David ironically desired to build a house for God, God informed him through the prophet Nathan that he was prohibited from doing so (see the reason in 1 Chr. 22:8 and 28:3), but instead, God declared that He would build David a house (2 Sam. 7:4-17). At the heart of God's promise, He declares, "12When your days are complete and you lie down with your father, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me . . ." (2 Sam. 7:12-14). Note that "he will be a son" is in the future, and not at the present time when Nathan spoke the prophecy, or as if this individual existed as a "son" from all eternity. The notion that Jesus existed from all eternity as the "Son" is never found in the Scriptures. Those that posit this idea are clearly in conflict with what Nathan prophesied. The author of Hebrews quotes v. 14 in Hebrews 1:5 that Jesus Christ fulfilled God's promise to David.

Psalm 89:26-29 clearly pronounces the pre-eminence of rank to this individual, when God speaks of the coming promised Davidic king: "26 He will cry to Me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.' 27 I also shall make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth. 28 My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, and My covenant shall be confirmed to him. 29 So I will establish his descendants forever and his throne as the days of heaven."

Back to verse 14 now:

Colossians 1:14 in whom **we** have **redemption**, the forgiveness of sins.

"the act of freeing from an obligation, guilt, or punishment, pardon, cancellation" (BDAG).

The Mystery of The ONE Body: Part 4:

Definition: *Redemption is THE ACT OF GOD whereby HE PURCHASED by substitutionary blood sacrifice a people FOR HIMSELF from the power of sin. Foreshadowed and celebrated nationally first in Egypt by the Israelites in the Passover, and fulfilled by Jesus Christ's substitutionary sin-offering, after which He entered into the heavenly Holy Sanctuary as High Priest to offer propitiation for the sins of God's people with the purpose that they live a godly life*

15 **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn** of all creation.

"Firstborn"- "The Greek term (prōtotokos) could refer either to first in order of time, such as a first born child, or it could refer to one who is preeminent in rank. M. J. Harris, expresses the meaning of the word well: "The 'firstborn' was either the eldest child in a family or a person of preeminent rank. The use of this term to describe the Davidic king in Ps 88:28 LXX (=Ps 89:27 EVV), 'I will also appoint him my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth,' indicates that it can denote supremacy in rank as well as priority in time.

In Col 1:15 the emphasis is on the priority of Jesus' rank as over and above creation"**(NET)**

"First born"- "with reference to all creation" (gen of subordination. Wallace)

"First born"- "over all creation" (gen of subordination. (Perchbacher)

16 **For by Him** all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created **through Him and for Him.**

"by Him" is the Greek word EN and can be translated as it should be here "IN HIM",

It was all created IN INTENTION – of Jesus Christ eventually coming.

One God Translation:

15 He is the visible image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, 16 because in him in intention everything was originally created by God in heaven and on earth — the visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, rulers or authorities — all these things are now created by God through him and for him. 17 He is superior to all things and in him everything coheres. 18 He is also the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he himself might be promoted to become first in everything.

“In (by) Him all things were created...”- prob. to be understood as local, not instrumental, i.e.- ‘everything was created in association with him’”(BDAG)

“in (by) Him”- “the prepositional phrase, ‘in Him’ adverbially modifies ‘created’; i.e. association.”

“For Him” - “the prepositional phrase ‘for Him’ adverbially modifies ‘have been created’ as purpose”

1 Peter 3:22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

17 **He is before** all things, **and in Him all things hold together.**

“Before all things” marker of precedence in importance or rank (BDAG)

“Hold together” - “to come to be in a condition of coherence, continue, endure, exist, hold together,”(BDAG)

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.