

Living for the Glory of God Through Christ – The Preeminent One

Colossians 1:9-18

A. Context: The Gospel Changes Everything (Colossians 1:1-8)

1. Paul and Timothy were writing the Colossian church to _____ them in their faith even though they had never met face-to-face.
2. The Gospel was producing _____ among the Colossians; this was evidenced in part by their _____ for God's people.

B. The natural outflow of the _____ of God's will through Christ is a life _____ for His glory. v.9-11

1. Paul and Timothy _____ faithfully for the Colossians to understand God's will for them to _____ Jesus. (Romans 12:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 4:3a)
2. The Colossians could (and would) be like Jesus because of _____ power at work in their lives. (Ephesians 3:16-19)

C. The realization of a believer's _____ into the kingdom of Christ brings about an attitude of _____. v.12-14

1. The Colossians, once _____ from God and His people, were now _____ for the rich inheritance in Christ.
2. Believers will respond to the Father with _____ and thanksgiving when they recall their glorious _____ from the dominion of darkness to the kingdom of light. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

D. Our faithful life of _____ to the Gospel becomes possible when we understand the _____ of Christ over life itself. v.15-18

1. Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, is the visible _____ of God; He is #1, period. _____ exists apart from Him and _____ exists for Him; the power of death was destroyed in His resurrection and He is _____ over life.
2. If that is true (and He is), then we most _____ can live, in Him and by His power, lives that are _____ of the Lord. (1 Peter 1, Jude 24-25)

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A. 1-encourage, 2-fruit, love, B.-knowledge, lived, 1-prayed, be like, 2-God's, C.-redemption, gratitude, 1-alienated, qualified, 2-joy, rescue, D.-response, preeminence, 1-manifestation, Nothing, everything, supreme, 2-certainly, worthy