



## ***The Reasoning Behind the Drama...***

### ***Jesus, You are the Reason!***

*Where would I be, what would I do...If not for your grace oh lord...  
 It's so amazing and so ...refreshing...That you would... love a man like me  
 You didn't have to do it but you did it anyway...Am so grateful, so thankful  
 Am walking in victory now...Am walking in liberty now  
 All because am saved, yes am saved ...You are the reason for the life I live  
 For the air I breathe, for the song I sing...You are the reason why I lift my voice  
 Why I lift my hands...It's all because of you  
 You are the reason...You are the reason...You are the reason!*

***Colossians 1:9-11, For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;***

With the Colossian Christian's newfound faith in Christ, Paul and Timothy prayed and **"asked that you (they) may be filled with the knowledge of His will."**

**Actually...Asked God to inform the church (individuals):**

- ***Of a true spiritual understanding of God's will (individually; those that are part of the church at Colossae),***
- ***To know God and what He requires of us,***  
*"Paul knew that "spiritual ignorance is the constant source of error, instability, and sorrow; and therefore he desired that they might be soundly taught in the things of God." (Spurgeon)*
- ***To walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him***

Our walk is based on our knowledge of God and our understanding of His will.

- **To being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**

*Bearing fruit glorifies the Father. Jesus said it in John 15:8 and he was telling the disciples that this is the stamp of approval and proof that they are His disciples.*

*Jesus echoes this out through the portals of glory...to the saints in His days on earth and in today's world...BEAR FRUIT!*

“Let works of obedience, testimony, zeal, and charity all be found in your life. Do not select big things as your special line, but glorify the Lord also in the littles – ‘fruitful in every good work.’” (Spurgeon)

**Strengthened with all might:**

*If we do those things, Paul says to us...His strength is there to help us meet all of life's challenges, and to endure and overcome problems with circumstances and people (having patience and self-restraint/control)...and doing it with joy.*

**Colossians 1:12-14, Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

**Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us:**

In the divine Trinity, the Father is mentioned in connection with the broad sweep of His plan of redemption. He is the Person of the Trinity who *initiates* the plan of the ages.

Someone said, “You can write plans for your life; but, give God the eraser.”

- **To be partakers of the inheritance of the saints:**
  - ✓ It is the Father who qualifies us, not our own works.
  - ✓ We gain this as an **inheritance**, instead of earning it as a wage.
- **He has delivered us from the power of darkness:** Christians have been **delivered** from Satan's dark, gloomy, and eternal damnation.
  - ✓ The word “delivered” has the idea of a rescue by a sovereign power.

- ✓ “Power of Darkness” refers to the sinister forces marshaled against our Lord for decisive combat in the spiritual realm.”  
(Bruce)

*We must remember... we still are tempted by Satan, but we are not under his power; we have to fight against him, but we are not his slaves. He is not our king; he has no rights over us; we do not obey him; we will not listen to his temptations.” (Spurgeon)*

- **And conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love:**

- ✓ The word “**conveyed**” had a special significance in the ancient world. When one empire conquered another, the custom was to take the population of the defeated empire and transfer it completely to the conqueror’s land.

- ✓ Paul meant that we have been conveyed/ transferred into the Kingdom of God.

*Everything we have and everything we are now belong to Him (the Son of His love).*

- ✓ “**The Son of His love** is a Hebraic way of saying “God’s dear Son.”

- **In whom we have redemption through His blood:**

- ✓ “Redemption” has the idea of release by a legal ransom.
- ✓ The price for our release was paid by the blood of Jesus.

NOTE: This is one reason why pleading the blood of Jesus – in the right sense, not in a magical or superstitious sense – has such great significance in spiritual warfare. It shows the “receipt” of our lawful purchase as redeemed people.

- **The forgiveness of sins:**

- ✓ The word translated “**forgiveness**” is the ancient Greek word literally meaning “a sending away.”

Our sin and guilt are *sent away* because of what Jesus did on the cross for us. The Word of God states that our sins are cast “as far as the East from the West.”

- ✓ **It should be noted here that it is harder for us to forgive ourselves than for God and His Son (Jesus, the Christ) to forgive us.** *God knew why He had to make plans (initiate a plan) with His Son having to carry out the plan to make “a way for our escape from the wages (payment) of death.” We see our sin/sins and can’t believe there is a way of escape from this penalty of death*

*for sinning against the One who gave everything for our salvation, our fellowship, and our way of escape into HIS kingdom.*

*God's plan provides a way for the removal of our sins from us, so that they are no longer barriers that separate us from God.*

*Colossians 1:15-20, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."*



*Hebrews 2:1-4, "Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, <sup>4</sup> God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?"*

*Many people in Colossae heard the word, responded to the Word, and inherited the same salvation we do today. Praise God for Jesus...the willing sacrifice who gave His lifeblood for we sinners who are at the mercy of God Almighty.*



*He paid a debt He did not owe! He gave His lifeblood for even me!*