

Partakers of a Great Inheritance

Colossians 1:9-14

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I. Knowledge of His will. *Colossians 1:9*

The requests in his (Paul's) prayers center on spiritual blessings, _____ on material or physical matters. (Wiersbe)

- The first step to **knowing God's will** is to know the Lord _____; not just having knowledge of His existence.

God's will for every believer is "intentional" because what He plans for us to do flows out of who He has _____ us to be. **Ephesians 2:10**

1. Spending time in the Word, time _____ on it
2. Have a vital Prayer life (authentic conversations with Him)
3. Authentic _____ (a lifestyle of thanksgiving and praise)
4. _____ (minds, will, devotion, attitudes and rights)

Remember we can quench the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 4:30**), which means to restrict His work in us. When we do, we should repent, and invite the Holy Spirit to take back _____. (Rick Carter)

II. Walk worthy. *Colossians 1:10*

We **walk worthy of the Lord**, only once we are _____ by and surrendered to the Holy Spirit; which then produces spiritual fruit within the life of the believer.

- "Christian service is the _____ of Christian devotion. The work that we do is the outflow of the life that we live. It is by abiding in Christ that we can produce fruit." (Wiersbe)

III. Partakers of the inheritance. *Colossians 1:11-13*

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do _____." NKJV

- We experience joy when we achieve selflessness to the point of personal _____." (Christopher Benek)

God's main will for your life is the _____ of your soul and the Lord Himself qualifies you to partake in this inheritance!

IV. Redemption through His blood. *Colossians 1:14*

Someone may have you in their will, meaning to leave you millions of dollars or other material things, but it will do you no good unless the person _____! **Hebrews 9:22**

- Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin, which is a foundational principle of how God will _____ people.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. What is an earthly inheritance? What is the Great inheritance Paul speaks about in the **Book of Colossians**?
2. Read **Colossians 1:9-12**. On what did Paul focus when he prayed for the Colossian believers? Why did Paul begin this section with "for this cause"? **John 13:35**
3. How can a Christ follower know the will of God? Discuss the four ways of discovering God's will, mentioned in point I. of the sermon note sheet.
Romans 12:1-2, John 17:3, 2 Peter 1:20, Colossians 2:9
4. Is God's will for a certain believer predetermined?
Ephesians 2:10-11, Proverbs 19:21, Proverbs 20:5, Philippians 2:12-13, 2 Timothy 1:9
5. Read **Colossians 1:10** and discuss the Biblical meaning of walking worthy of the Lord. How can someone turn this into a legalistic duty?
2 Corinthians 5:14, 1 Thessalonians 4:1
6. Discuss the different powers mentioned within this sermon. What are the evidences of God's power in your life currently?
John 15:5
7. Discuss the importance of being thankful to God for all He has done for us and through us. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-19**
8. What is the importance of being covered and bought by the blood of Jesus?
Hebrews 9:22, Romans 5:8-9
9. Discuss the practical applications from this sermon.

(Some questions taken from Warren Wiersbe)