

Communion Meditation
Colossians 1.9-14 ~ Qualified

v9 ~ “For this reason .. since the day we heard .. pray for you”

- Paul (with Timothy) is writing a letter to believers in Colosse
- Epaphras has shared with them what has happened – **v8** “declared to us”
- And because they’ve heard, they pray ..

For what do they pray for them?

- **v9** ~ “may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will”
- **v9** ~ “may be filled with wisdom and spiritual understanding”
- **v10** ~ “that you may walk in worthy obedience – fully pleasing God”
- **v10** ~ “being fruitful in every good work”
- **v10** ~ “increasing in the knowledge of God”
- **v11** ~ “strengthened with all might .. for patience and longsuffering .. with joy”

For what do they give thanks to God?

- **v12** ~ “has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints”
- **v13** ~ “He has delivered us from the power of darkness”
- **v13** ~ “has conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son”
- **v14** ~ “in whom we have redemption through His blood”
- **v14** ~ “forgiveness of sins”

Focus in verse upon time and tense

- future – want to happen – **vss 9 to 11**
- past – has happened – **vss 12 to 14**
- present – present reality – **v14** ~ “we have redemption”

Let’s focus upon the word “qualified” in vs 12

- Competitors qualify to be in races “**quarter-finals, semi-finals, finals**”
- Who is qualified? | “the Father who has qualified us”
- Who performed the qualifying? | “the Father who has qualified us”
- What does qualifying result in? | “to be partakers of the inheritance”
- What does qualifying consist of? | **v13** “deliverance”