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Intro: Paul's prayer is a model for others to follow. Our prayers should include Praise as well as petitions.

Phil 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

1 Tim 2:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.

Col 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

Paul always gave thanks - Act. 27:35; Rom 1:8; 1 Tim 1:12

Giving Thanks many times is demoted to second place, many times we are like leeches daughters –

Give and Give! – Pro 30:15

The Bible repeatedly stress the importance of giving thanks

Ps 50:14 – Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High

Ps 107:21-22 – Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Ps 92:1 – It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Eph 5:20 – giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Col 3:17 – And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Heb 13:15 – Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

The Bible also teaches that failing to give thanks characterizes the wicked

Ro 1:21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

2Ti 3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

We are to think God for:

Who He is - Ps 30:4 Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

His nearness - Ps 75:1 We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous works declare that Your name is near.

His salvation and opportunity to serve Him - 1Ti 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

For the spiritual growth of others - 2Th 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

Even for mundane things like food - 1Ti 4:3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; - Ro 14:3,6,

Or for everything - 1Th 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

### III. Paul Prays for the Colossians – Part 2

#### A. Qualified us - Vs 12

1. Father – Emphasizes the personal relational aspect of our union with God
  - a. Before salvation, He was our Judge – we were under condemnation
  - b. After, He became our gracious Father
2. He qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light
  - a. Qualified – hikanoo - to enable, qualify:--make sufficient.
  - b. Only here and 2 Co 3:6
3. Why He had to do it
  - a. Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
  - b. Eph 2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
  - c. Eph 4:17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
4. to be partakers of the inheritance
  - a. Inheritance - **Kleros** - a die (for drawing chances); by implication, a portion (as if so secured); by extension, an acquisition (especially a patrimony, figuratively):--heritage, inheritance, lot, part. In the genitive means we each receive our own individual allotment.
  - b. **Meris** - a portion, i.e. province, share or participation:--part (X -akers).
  - c. Inheritance consist of
    - i. Eternal life – Mt 19:29

- Quantity
- Quality – Christ’ life in us – Gal 2:20; 1 Jo 5:20
- ii. The Earth – Mt 5:5
- iii. All the promises of God – Heb 6:12
- d. of the saints in the light.
  - i. **Hagios** - sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated):--(most) holy (one, thing), saint. Separated from sin unto God
  - ii. **Phos** - luminousness (in the widest application, natural or artificial, abstract or concrete, literal or figurative):--fire, light.
    - Intellectually, light represents truth – Ps 119:130
    - Morally, light represents purity – Eph 5:8-14
    - Where God dwells – 1 Tim 6:16
- e. Inheritance guaranteed by the indwelling Holy Spirit – Eph 1:13-14

## B. Deliverance – vs 13a

1. He has delivered us
  - a. rhoumai - to rush or draw (for oneself), i.e. rescue:--deliver(-er).
2. from the power of darkness
  - a. exousia - privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:--authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.
  - b. skotos - shadiness, i.e. obscurity (literally or figuratively):--darkness.

## C. Transference – vs 13b-14

1. and conveyed us - methistemi - to transfer, i.e. carry away, depose or (figuratively) exchange, seduce:--put out, remove, translate, turn away. Used of removing Saul from being King - Acts 13:22
2. into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
  - a. basileia - royalty, i.e. (abstractly) rule, or (concretely) a realm (literally or figuratively):--kingdom, + reign.
  - b. Rom 6:1-14
3. in whom
  - a. we have redemption through His blood,
    - i. **apolutrosis** - (the act) ransom in full, i.e. (figuratively) riddance, or (specially) Christian salvation:--deliverance, redemption.
    - ii. To deliver by payment of ransom
  - b. the forgiveness of sins.
    - i. aphasis - freedom; (figuratively) pardon, deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, remission.
    - ii. He Removed our sins from us - Ps 103:12