

This is NOT a New Problem!
Colossians 1:1-12

Colossians 1:2

“To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.”

Colossians 1:3-4

“3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people.”

Thanksgiving and prayer are like the 2 wings of an eagle which enable it to soar into the sky.

3 reasons are given for his thanksgiving & prayer:

- Faith in Christ Jesus
- Love for all the saints
- Hope laid up in heaven

Faith

Many people will say, “you need to have faith” but what is faith?

Love

Loving God is seen in how one loves his neighbor!

- It is silence when your words would hurt.
- It is patience when people are rude.
- It is deafness when a gossip surrounds you.
- It is thoughtfulness for other’s hurts and pains.
- It is promptness when duty calls.
- It is courage when you feel all alone.

Hope

Faith rests on the past.

Love works in the present.

Hope looks towards the future.

Prayer (Vs 9-14)

Prayer makes 2 great requests: It asks to understand God’s will & then for the strength to do His will.”

In prayer we are not trying to make God listen, but make ourselves listen to Him!

In prayer we are not trying persuade God to do something, but to find out what He wants us to do!

Often, we pray to God, “Thy will be changed” instead of “Thy will be done.”

So, the 1st object of prayer is to listen not speak.