Colossians II Deported Souls

10:00 am ***5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO** -

10:05 am LIVE SHOT – ** Worship –

WELCOME to The Peak CC Church --- Online Platform – 1st time ... come in as a guest But you leave as family...

Self Intro - PEAK INTRO Young /Vibrant / Life Giving Church in the HEART of Peekskill.

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord.

*Online Connect Card * RightNow Media

10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

Building Update: 1 NEW VISION - Building Fund.

Remember: Mon: small Groups / Tue: Prayer / Wed: Women's Small Group Thu: Bible Study / Sat: Men's Fellowship

NEW DEVOTIONALS

Opening Prayer

Prayers for 1st Responders. PVAC - PD - FireFighters - International Crisis Response UKRAINE - James sisters & family, DiFolco

<u>INTRO</u>

Last week we began a new mini sermon series "Colosians" - Preaching through the Book

EXPOSITORY. unveiling or exposing of the scriptures... **TREACHING**

A while back we did a Thursday night Bible study through the book of Colossians. - *pulling from old study notes*.

We shared in Holy Communion & covered the Intro to our new series... 1st (2) verses

COLOSSIANS 1:1-2

COLOSSIANS

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostel- Will of God- to the SAINTS(faithful brethren)- Grace/Peace- From God Father & JC

If You Missed it, Catch it on our website & or *Download our App* & catch up on any of our previous messages.

Colossians 1:3-8

³We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ⁵because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

• Gratitude goes a long way...

V.4 since we heard of your <u>faith in Christ Jesus and of your <u>love</u> for all the saints; 5 because of the <u>hope</u> which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,</u>

•_____V.4,5 Show the qualities of *Faith, Hope, Love* ascribed to the Colossiaians.

1:5 hope reserved for you The Greek word used in this phrase, elpis, often rendered as "hope," refers to confident expectation, not wishful thinking. The Colossians have hope because of their union with Christ (Col 1:27). This means they are free from corruption and death and are qualified to participate in Christ's life, resurrection and glory. Paul reminds them that their hope of a glorious future does not come from a religious philosophy (2:8), but from God. Therefore, they do not need to accept the demands of false teachers.

Faithlife



Demands of false teachers... HERESY - *Grace plus LAW is* <u>WRONG</u> - *No Additives*

GRACE ALONE through FAITH ALONE - in CHRIST ALONE - by SCRIPTURE ALONE - GLORY to GOD ALONE

Hope refers to "Confident Expectation" NOT "Wishful Thinking"

FAITH: -

1:4 faith The Greek word used here, pistis, refers to trust and reliance. Paul is thankful that the Colossians—under the threat of false teaching —have anchored their faith in Christ.

love The greatest of the three Christian virtues (1 Cor 13:13), the others being faith and hope. The natural result of faith in Christ is love (agap? in Greek) for God and others.

Faithlife Study Bible



FAITH - or ...TRUST & RELIANCE anchored in <u>CHRIST.</u>

LOVE: - Agape love for the saints. a CLEAR indicator of their "*Born Again*" experience..

cf 1 Cor 13:13

13 And now abide *faith, hope, love*, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

<u>LOVE</u>

What is LOVE? - I love my family - I love my dog/cat - I love my house - I love this meal

Certainly they can't all mean the same thing

Agape : <u>unconditional</u>: without condition.... Grace & Mercy all wrapped up together in ONE package. like in a nice burrito -

Grace: Receiving what I don't deserve. - FREE, OUTLANDISH, OVER THE TOP GIFT

Mercy: Not getting what I DO deserve. - Taking the penalty of my sins so I can be set free...

When the REDEMPTIVE LOVE of Christ is birthd in our hearts... we die to self & begin to LIVE for Him...

John 13:35

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Has the Love of Christ become evident in your life by the NEW LOVE you have for others? Not like the love that is in the world..... But *LOVE IN THE SPIRIT!*

*Colossians 1:9-14 NKJV

An elder's Prayer will always be that YOU will be filled with the *KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL*.

In ALL WISDOM & UNDERSTANDING - discernment

TO WHAT END? for what purpose?? *that you may walk worthy of the LORD* pleasing <u>HIM.</u>

Paul describes this radical commitment of will, affection, & disposition to pleasing Christ.

Being Fruitful in every GOOD WORK vs being fruitful in wicked works.

As You increase in fruitful Good works.... YOU WILL increase in your knowledge of <u>HIM.</u>

What does walking WORTHY of the Lord look like??

Fruitfulness - Producing the Fruit of the Spirit-*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...*" But also tangible fruit such as, labor, service, giving, mentoring & serving.

Growth - Maturity in Godly knowledge

Strengthened w/ ALL might grk *dunamoo* -Power word family. To be made Strong / **POWERFUL - Divine empowerment - Holy Ghost**

According to HIS GLORIOUS POWER

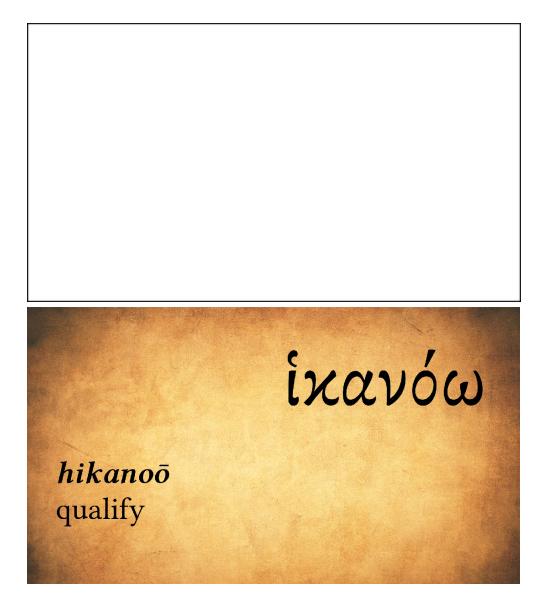
Why does He provide the US w/ HIS Glorious POWER? What does He expect us to exert this God given energy?? WAit for it....

For ALL *patience* and LONGSUFFERING - with JOY!! - *are you serious? lol*

V12 picks up GRATITUDE again....

<u>Giving thanks</u> to the Father who has <u>qualified us</u> 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, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Qualified? God doesn't call the qualified as much as HE qualifies the called - personal test



2 primary meanings: to make <u>competent or sufficient</u> & secondarily to <u>entitle</u>, <u>authorize</u>, <u>enable</u>

So essentially, *It's God who qualifies us to be co-heirs of His Light*. You & I have inherited Spiritual Cannan much like the Israelites inherited the land of Cannan.

& when we have done this V.13 states that, "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love"

The power of the underworld NO LONGER has dominion over us!! We have been DELIVERED from its hold.

Paul draws from the images of Exodus 6:5-8 Egypt representing the yoke of SIN...

He rescues us from negative burdens such as SIN, DANGER, SICKNESS, even Hostile situations..

Psalm 33:18-19

His rescue's, family... include present situations, - as well as FUTURE...

He *CONVEYs* us : gives the visual understanding of a captured Army or population being deported out of one country to another...

When we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.... We are deported from this world & transferred into His Kingdom!!!

Have you received the forgiveness of your sins??

Are you sensing a deeper calling, commitment, desire to <u>know HIM</u> deeper & more intimate?

If you've said YES to any or all of these... close your eyes & bow your heads ...

If you're online..... Would you stand up & stretch your hand towards the screen?? As weird as it may feel... stand up right there... living room, kitchen, bedroom,

dining room... here in the sanctuary... If you are here this morning & are ready to answer God.

Let us pray....

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

NEXT WEEK we're gonna continue New Sermon Series #Colossians Preeminence of Christ

INVITE A FRIEND!!!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!