



# THE THREAD

*weaving Sunday's message through the week*

**Date:** January 3, 2021    Prayer Service

2 Peter 1:3: *"His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,"*

Colossians 1:11, Paul prays that we will live this life in a manner that pleases the Lord. One of the ways this is done is by // *"...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience ..."*.

**Main Point: Jesus has provided you and me with his power to live a life that pleases him no matter what life brings our way.**

Yet, Colossians 1:23 warns us, // *"...if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard..."*

**Q:** How will we as a community centered on Christ help one another "continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel"?

- 3 Areas of Focus for God's glory in Christ at CCC in the coming year:
  - *In multi-generational relationships* (Psalm 145; 2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 2)
    - ABFs, Small Groups, mentoring
  - *In the home* (Deuteronomy 6; Ephesians 5)
    - Family discipleship
    - Small groups
    - Hospitality
  - *In the church* (Ephesians 3:10-11)
    - A place of worship (John 4:23)
    - A place of prayer (Matthew 21:13)
    - A place of equipping (Eph. 4:12)
    - Creating space in the services for response and prayer

## Pray for:

- God's glorious might to strengthen us
  - Repent of self-reliance
  - Go to Christ for strength (Word, prayer, consistency)
- Great endurance (the ability to stand in the face of difficulties and persecutions, Pao, *Colossians*, 73)
  - Acknowledge weariness, confess lethargy, repent of apathy
  - Help us to not be lazy spiritually
- Patience (a mindset of calmness and control in the midst of difficulties, Pao, *Colossians*, 73)
  - Acknowledge misplaced joy, confess restlessness, repent of impatience (grumbling, complaining)
  - Take the long view

## Prayer Segments

- Students: conformity to the gospel rather than the standards of others
- Young adults: commitment to the gospel as they journey into life on their own
- Families: modeling of the gospel by parents that is embraced by children
- Retirees: passing on the gospel in relationship with others
- Isolated: encouragement from the gospel to continue to find joy in it despite circumstances

## Application Questions

- Do you truly believe 2 Peter 1:3? Does Jesus grant us the power for everything that pertains to living a godly life in all the circumstances of life? Why do we doubt this at times?
- What does *being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might* mean in Colossians 1:11? How are we strengthened in this way?
- Why do you think that Colossians 1:23 contains the conditional statement *if indeed you continue in the faith*? Why do we need to continue stable and steadfast not shifting from the hope of the gospel? What does this look like in our everyday lives?
- Spend some time praying Colossians 1:11 for the areas of focus and the various age groups listed.

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