

Colossians: Positive Living in a Negative World Part 4  
*Called Into God's Loving Family*  
First Baptist Church and The Lakefront Church  
One Church - Two Locations - Venice, Florida  
September 1, 2024

BEACH SERVICE TONIGHT - 6 PM - NORTH SHARKEY'S PARKING  
BETWEEN SHARKEYS PIER AND VENICE PUBLIC BATHHOUSE

Colossians 1:8-14 (CSB) *[Epaphras] has told us about your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,<sup>10</sup> so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God,<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.<sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.<sup>14</sup> In Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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REASON #1 - your love in the Spirit

Jesus said, John 13:34-35 (CSB) *"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

Ephesians 5:19 (CSB) *speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music with your heart to the Lord,* <sup>20</sup>*giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,* <sup>21</sup>*submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.*

Church members sometimes struggle with personal opinions. - Philippians 4:2-4

Church members sometimes struggle with jealousy. - Romans 16:17

Church attendees may be a satanic plant. - Acts 20:28-31

Reason #2 Paul is praying for the Believers at Colossae.

Colossians 1:9-12 (CSB) *For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ...*

*...so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him:*

Your 'walk' is your day-to-day lifestyle. People see Jesus in you!

*...bearing fruit in every good work - Galatians 5:19-23 (CSB)*

*<sup>22</sup>But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. ...*

*...and growing in the knowledge of God,*

*... <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might,*

*...so that you may have great endurance and patience,*

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We have JOY for today because of the HOPE, and HEAVENLY HOME for tomorrow!

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT) *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.*

Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT) *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

*<sup>6</sup>Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.*

*<sup>7</sup>Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, <sup>8</sup>He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

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