

The Life and Letters of Paul

Colossians 1

- 1. There will seasons where you need to fully trust in Jesus and the walk of the cross and most times tested faith is not easy. *See seasons below, when will you need them?**

Power, wisdom, goodness, unselfish love, especially for God's people

Col. 1:4/Psalm 56:3-4- live a life of trusting God/Mark 11:24- God will give what is needed/James 1:5-ask for Wisdom

- 2. When we walk confidently in the Gospel, we are a good testimony that has the potential to spur the whole world.**

Col 1:5-6/Philippians 1:20-live as you know Christ will be exalted/ Romans 1:16-living unashamed in the purview of others will have an everlasting impact

- 3. It is a blessing to a pastor, leader, or bother in Christ to be able to share to wonderful working power of Jesus in the life of a saint. It's never about numbers; it is about maturity.**

Col 1:7-8/Philemon 1:23-Pauls fellow prisoner/

- 4. When we are doing ministry for the wrong motives, we will tend to become intimidated by others success instead of praying for more increase.**

Col. 1: 9-12/2 Peter 3:17-18-Growth in the believer guards them/ Matthew 7:18-Fruit is evident in the way we live

- 5. Many times, we may take for granted what all took place in the transaction made at the cross. Do you consider this daily, whenever in trouble or is it a distant memory.**

Col. 1:13-15/ Ephesians 5:3-9-dark living traits/ 1 Thessalonians 5:5- that's not you anymore

6. We as believers will try to live our lives and on occasions invite Jesus into it, when it's completely the opposite, we are his creation and we live in what he created. (it's not about you) Vrs. 17 -he holds all creation together(powerful)

Col 1:16-17/ Psalm 24:1-2- his world we are just visiting/ Psalm 95:4, Job 12:10-whole world in his hand

7. With that being said Paul also reminds the saints that in the same manner the church should run the same way. It for the Gospel. Is our church about what we can do or is it about what Jesus already did? Is HE first place (vrs18 amp) it is only through Jesus we have access to the father.

Col. 1:18-20/ Eph 5:23- he is the Savior of his body/Eph 4:15-Church should be like Christ/ 1 John 4:17- Christian is "Christ Like"

8. We need to rejoice in the fact we are not who we used to be, however we must continue to draw closer to the image of Christ and live a life that resembles that.

Col. 1:21-23/ 1 Corinthians 15:49- live like Jesus now and forever/

9. Paul as an Apostle, Minister, and Bondservant had many hardships in his life but he Knew why he was doing it. If we are doing Ministry for the right reason no matter the trials, afflictions or suffer, you know that it was Worth it.

Col. 1:24-29-We want to present them to God, perfect[g] in their relationship to Christ