

Colossians

New Sermon Series

HAPPENING NOW

“So many of us cavalierly gloss over what He has done and zero in on what we’re to do, and that shift, though it might seem slight, makes all the difference in the world. Our obedience has its origin in God’s prior action, and ...

“...forgetting that truth results in self-righteousness, pride, and despair. As you study Scripture, remember that the imperatives are always rooted in the indicatives. God calls you to become who you already are in Christ.” **E. M. Fitzpatrick**

“A renewed mind sees the instructions of God not as threats fraught with danger and the risk of punishment, but rather as opportunities.”

Colossians 4:2-6

**Continue earnestly in prayer,
being vigilant in it with
thanksgiving; meanwhile praying
also for us, that God would open to
us a door for the word, to speak
the mystery of Christ, for which I
am also in chains,**

**4 that I may make it manifest,
as I ought to speak.**

**5 Walk in wisdom toward those
who are outside, redeeming the
time. 6 *Let* your speech always
be with grace, seasoned with
salt, that you may know how you
ought to answer each one.**

- “...whatever things you ask... Mark 11:24
- “...pray without ceasing,” 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- “... prayer and supplication,... let your requests be made known to God;”
Philippians 4:8
- “... supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks...” 1 Timothy 2:1-3
- “... obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need...” Hebrews 4:16

- We are qualified to receive an inheritance (Col.1:12)
- We have been delivered from the power of darkness (Col. 1:13)
- We have been translated into, or placed within, the kingdom of the Son of His Love. (Col. 1:13)
- We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Col. 1:14)
- We have been reconciled to God (Col. 1:21)

- We are presented before God (now), as holy, blameless, and above reproach. (Col. 1:22)
- The mystery kept hidden has been revealed, (Col. 1:26)
- We are complete in Him. (Col. 2:10)
- We have been circumcised with Christ, the flesh cut off of our lives through our union with Him. (Col. 2:11).
- We have been made alive together with Him. (Col. 2:13)

- We have had the list of things against us destroyed. (Col. 2:14)
- Principalities and powers have been disarmed by the cross (Col. 2:15)
- We have been set free from all “isms” and additions to the finished work of the cross. (Col. 2:18-23)
- We have already died, and our life is already hidden with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3)

We do not spend our time in prayer, when informed by the finished work of the cross, trying to beg God and plead for Him to give us what He has already made available. We partner with Him to speak it into manifestation.

Proseuché Strong's #4335- has within its root etymology, the idea of exchange, an exchange of wishes.

Prayer is where we exchange wishes with God. It is a dynamic event in which He pours His interests and wishes into our hearts, we pour out ours to Him. In this exchange we speak back to Him His intention to answer our prayers and our confidence in Him to do so.

The “highest heavens belong to God, but the Earth He has given into the hands of the Sons of Men.” Psalm 115:16.

“All authority in heaven and Earth has been given to me” Matthew 28:18.

“...the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.” Eph. 1:22-23

When we pray from Authority, in His Authority, and we pray in faith, the simple recognition of who He is and what He has done, we begin the shift from asking for stuff to happen, to making things happen through prayer **with** God, and not just to God.

Eph. 1:18 ... the eyes of your understanding being **enlightened.**”

Eph. 3:19 that we might “**know** the love of Christ that passes knowledge.”

Col. 1:9 that they might be “filled with the **knowledge** of His will in all wisdom and understanding.”

Manifesting Him as we ought to.

Colossians 1:28 “Him we preach.”

Galatians 1:8 if even we or an angel from heaven were to preach another Gospel, let Him be accursed.

Hebrews 1:1-3 God wanted exact representation. That looks like Jesus.

Walk in Wisdom and Redeem the Time

“Walk in wisdom towards those who are outside, redeeming the time.” Col. 4:5. (NKJV)

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.” Col. 4:5 (NIV)

Redeeming the time- Kairos not chronos.

Jesus has inaugurated for us a kairos moment called NOW, called TODAY.

“Jesus said “Do you not say,
‘There are still four months
and then comes the harvest?’
Behold, I say to you, lift up
your eyes and look at the
fields, they are already white
for the harvest.” John 4:35

Col. 4:6 (NKJV) “Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”

Colossians 4:6 (NLT) “Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

Conversation is a two way thing. Interact, meet people, engage with people. Love manifests through any personality.

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