

God's Work in the World Pt 2

Col 1:11-12 ESV May you be strengthened with all **power**, according to his glorious might, for all **endurance** and **patience** with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has **qualified** you to share in the **inheritance** of the saints in light.

Col 1:13-14 ESV He has **delivered** us from the domain of darkness and **transferred** us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness** of sins



Col 1:15-18 He is the **image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For **by him all things were created**, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were **created through him and for him**. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the **head of the body, the church**. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be **preeminent**. 19 For in him **all the fullness of God** was pleased to dwell,

Col 1:20-22 ESV and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace by the blood of his cross**. 21 And you, who once were **alienated** and **hostile** in mind, **doing evil deeds**, 22 he has now **reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you **holy** and **blameless** and **above reproach** before him

What We Were!

Alienated

Hostile

Evil Deeds



What He Has Made Us

Holy

Unblameable

Unreproveable

23 **if indeed you continue** in the faith, **stable** and **steadfast, not shifting** from the **hope** of the **gospel that you heard**, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Col 1:24-25 ESV Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh **I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body**, that is, the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the **stewardship** from God that was given to me for you, to **make the word of God fully known,**

Php 4:10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed **concerned** for me, but you had **no opportunity**.

Php 2:29-30 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life **to complete what was lacking** in your service to me.

Col 1:26-29 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of **the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory**. 28 Him we **proclaim, warning** everyone and **teaching** everyone with all wisdom, that we may **present** everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, **struggling** with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

- 1) **Give thanks** to Jesus for the work He has done to reconcile us to Himself
- 2) Hold onto your hope - **Endure** - no matter what
- 3) Christ in you is the only hope of Glory - **receive Jesus today**
- 4) May we **recognize the stewardship of the gospel** and fill up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions by carrying his message to others (both the lost and the saved)