

Prayer for the Colossians to Walk Worthily of Christ the Firstborn

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Introduction

Paul continually prays for the Colossians to fully understand God's will, so they may walk worthily resulting in pleasing Him by being fruitful and increasingly knowing Him (1:9-10)

[The means for fruitfulness and knowing Him is] by being strengthened for patient longsuffering (1:11)

The [prayed for] result is that they joyfully thank God who qualified us for the saints' inheritance (1:12)

[The way He qualified us for inheritance is] by delivering us from the authority of darkness to [citizenship in] the kingdom of His Son in whom we have redemption and forgiveness (1:13-14)

[We have been transferred to the Kingdom of Christ] who the image of the invisible God, the firstborn [inheritor] of all creation (1:15)

[In explanation of Jesus Christ as the firstborn inheritor of creation] is that He created everything for Himself (1:16)

He preceded all things and in Him everything holds together by Him(1:17)

[Besides being the firstborn of creation] He is also the head of the body, the church, the firstborn from the dead, so that He may be pre-eminent over all (1:18)

[In explanation of His pre-eminence] it pleased the Father for all the fullness [of deity] dwells in Him (1:19)

It also pleased the Father for Christ to reconcile all things to God through the cross (1:20)

Conclusion