

Colossians 1:9-14

Superior Qualities

Introduction:

Last Lord's Day we gave the primary reason why Paul is writing this epistle to the Colossians. His desire is to alert them regarding the false doctrine that made its way into the church. It has been called by many *the Colossian heresy*, which is a severe distortion of the gospel.

But Paul has many other things to call their attention to and that is, the immense blessing that has been bestowed upon them through the Lord Jesus Christ. It's not until we get to the *second chapter* that he addresses this corrupt theology in their midst. On a sphere higher than them, Paul encourages them with confidence in his prayers that each believer will produce a threefold result, namely: a **knowledge** that's from above, highly insightful. A **power** that is inconceivable by the natural mind but very much experienced in the life of each Christian and a **Kingdom** unlike the kingdoms of this world; not like the Roman Empire, something far more superior, the Kingdom of Christ that will remain forever.

I. High Knowledge – v.9-10

A. What Paul prays for:

1. Knowledge upon the circle of life. (superior)
2. Not a kind of Gnosticism – (mystic)

B. An increase of this knowledge of the God – v.9 (Eph. 1:17; Phil. 1:9)

1. A knowledge that leads to a godly life style – v.10 **Turn To: Ephesians 4:11-15**
2. How is high knowledge obtained? By desiring it and through diligent study – John 7:17; II Time. 2:15

II. High Power – v. 11-12

A. Glorious power according to God Himself

1. Explosive power – Eph. 1:19-20
2. A divine power manifested – Rom. 6:4
3. A power to withstand persecution – (James Guthrie)

III. High Kingdom – v.13-14

A. The bedrock of our assurance – by being “transferred” into the Kingdom of God's Son.

B. Ethical antithesis – “darkness and light” II Cor. 6:14; I Thess. 5:5 (Eph. 6:10; John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; Matt. 12:29)

C. Rescued from Satan – Matt. 12:22-29

D. Delivered and Redeemed us – v.13,14