

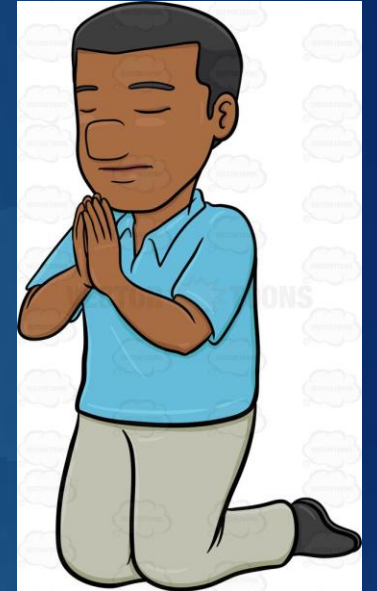


# The Kingdom of His Son

COLOSSIANS 1:12-14

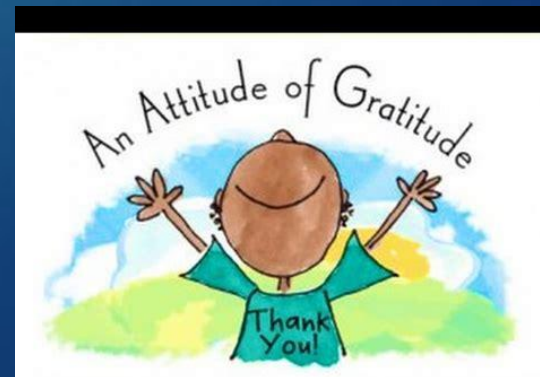
# Where Were We

- ▶ Colossians is about the **preeminence** of Christ in our church and in our lives.
- ▶ In verses 9 to 11 we saw Paul's **prayer** for the church. The prayer actually continues until verse 14.
- ▶ In almost every prayer of Paul in the New Testament, we can find him **giving thanks** to God in the prayer. (Eph. 1:15-16; Phil. 4:6-7)



# Thanksgiving & Prayer

- ▶ Just like **enduring joy** is a sign of a mature Christian life that is filled with God's knowledge, wisdom, and understanding, a **thanksgiving** heart is another sign of a mature life.
- ▶ Being thankful also requires a **proper** comprehension of the **reasons** why we should be thankful. Constant thankfulness cannot occur in a vacuum of **ignorance**—the **knowledge** of God is the key.



# We are Qualified



- ▶ We will share in the **inheritance** that God has prepared for the saints. (Eph. 1:11, 18; 1 Peter 1:3-5)
- ▶ Not just saints, but we are saints in **light** (John 1:4, 8-9; 1 John 1:5-7)
- ▶ Notice this qualification is **given**, not earned (adoption Eph. 1:5). A good reason for thanksgiving.
- ▶ The title of saint was given to us. (Eph. 2:18-19)
- ▶ Are you walking in the light?

# From One Kingdom to Another

- ▶ We are **delivered** from one kingdom to another. (Heb. 2:14)
- ▶ One is darkness, the other is light. One belongs to Christ, the other belongs to the prince of this world.  
Note: we are **transferred** (means to exchange)
- ▶ This is a **spiritual** transference, some day this move will be a **physical** one.
- ▶ Are you still “hanging out” in the wrong kingdom?



# Redeemed and Forgiven

- ▶ Redemption—from the **legal** point of view, a second chance in a new kingdom
- ▶ Forgiveness—from the **relational** point of view, our relationship with God is restored
- ▶ Conclusion—It is essential to know **who we are** in Christ, and the price that God has paid for us. It allows us to give thanks no matter what tomorrow may be like, knowing that our identity is secure in Christ and in His promises.

