

## NIC 11 18 2018 Seven Reasons to Give Thanks Colossians 1:9-23

Paul's intercessory prayer in Colossians 1:9-11 includes 7 requests and ends with seven reasons to give thanks continually.

Giving thanks is a continuing theme of Paul in all his letters.

Rom 1:8 1Cor 1:4 2Cor 9:15 Eph 1:16 Php 1:3

Col 1:3 1Th 1:2 2Th 1:3 1Ti 1:12 2Ti 1:3 Philemon 1:4

### Col 1:9-12 Paul's 7 Requests for the Believers

(filled ...walking...pleasing...fruitful...patient...joyful...thankful)

9 That we may be **filled** with the knowledge of God's will

10 **walking** worthy of God

living lives that are **fully pleasing** to Him

and **fruitful** in good works

11 That we be **strengthened** with His glorious power to endure hardship with **patience**

To be **joyful** in our hearts...

12 That we be continually **thankful** to God...

### Col 1:12-23 Paul's 7 Reasons to Give Thanks

#### #1 INHERITANCE

vs 12 ...the Father has qualified us to share in the inheritance

Rom 8:17 Eph 1:11 Eph 1:14 1Peter 1:4

#2 **DELIVERANCE** We are rescued from Satan's kingdom,

vs 13a He has delivered us from the power of darkness

2 Cor 1:10 1Thess 1:10 ...

#3 **CITIZENSHIP** We are placed as full citizens in the kingdom of Christ

vs 13b (He has) conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love...

Philippians 3:20

#4 **REDEMPTION** Our debt is paid by Christ and we are free

vs 14a in whom we have redemption through His blood

Rom 3:24 Gal 3:13 Gal 4:5 Heb 9:12 1Pet 1:18 Rev 5:9

#5 **FORGIVENESS** we are freely, fully, forever forgiven

vs 14b the forgiveness of sins

Col 2:13 1 John 2:12

#6 **RECONCILED** brought back into a full relationship with God

vs 21 you were alienated and enemies... yet now He has reconciled

Rom 5:10 2 Cor 5:18 2 Cor 5:19

#7 **PRESENTED PERFECT** In Christ we are holy, without blame or accusation

vs 22 present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight...

1Cor 1:8 1 Thess 3:13 1 Thess 5:23