

## **Colossians 1:9-29**

### **The Power of the Word**

*so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. // Isaiah 55:11*

*Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. // Proverbs 30:5*

*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. // 1 Timothy 4:13*

### **Praying for the Saints (1:9-11)**

- Knowledge of His will
- Spiritual wisdom and understanding
- Walking with the Lord
- Bearing fruit
- Knowledge of God
- Strengthened with all power
- Endurance, patience, and joy

### **God's Work for Us (1:12-14)**

- Qualified
- Rescued
- Transferred
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

### **Preeminence of Christ (1:15-20)**

**15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**16** For in Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been 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;

Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

**19** For in Him all the fullness of *God* was pleased to dwell,

**20** And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross—through Him—whether things on earth or things in heaven.

### **Paul's Ministry of the Gospel (1:21-29)**

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. // AC IV

Our churches teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit [ Galatians 5:22–23 ]. It is necessary to do good works commanded by God [ Ephesians 2:10 ], because of God's will. We should not rely on those works to merit justification before God. // VI