

## Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **Crown Him with Many Crowns, p 234**

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing, Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King, Thru all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side-  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky, Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye, At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life; Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife, For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n, From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise, For Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days, Adored and magnified.

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## **All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

*He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast  
For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

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## All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost, in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will  
And if you had not loved me first I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross  
And I beheld, God's love displayed, You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, Now all I know is grace.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

Now Lord I would be Yours alone And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me  
Oh Father use my ransomed life In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be My only boast is You.

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## **The Mindset of Every-Member Ministry**

Colossians 4:2-6

Mature Christians don't merely go to church. They live on mission.

### **I. Our Mission-Mindset Must Be Prayerful:**

A. God wants all Christians to pray.

B. Definition of prayer.

C. What attitudes should characterize our prayers?

D. Practical instructions on how to Pray.

### **II. Our Mission Mindset Must Be Plural:**

### **III. Our Mission Mindset Must Be Personal:**

## Small Group Questions

The final words of Paul's letter to the Colossians seem to be an exhortation for Christians to be faithful laborers in the mission of Christ. Jesus came into the world on a mission of redemption. When His ministry on earth ended, he entrusted it to his people (Matthew 28:19-20). In our text for this week Paul talks about different ways believers can live "On Mission." That is, the mission of the church should be characterized as "Every-Member Ministry." Pastor Dan, however, only covered the first of 3 ways: Our Mission Mindset Must Be Prayerful.

### Review:

- Read Ephesians 4:11-13. What is the role of the pastors and teachers and who are the ministers of the church?
- What would happen if only the pastors did the work of ministry?
- The first way believers live "on mission" is through prayer (Read Colossians 4:2). Why is prayer so critical to the church's mission?
- Turn to your neighbor and see if you can come up with another verse or two that speaks to the necessity and benefits of prayer for the work of the ministry/mission. You have 4 minutes. (Leader, set timer).
- According to this text (4:2) how are we to pray?

### Reflect:

- **What were some of the practical thoughts we heard about regarding how to pray?**
- **What else in this passage and message spoke powerfully to you?**

### Renew:

- How might this refresher on Christian ministry and the need for prayer be calling you to repent or change in some practical way?

**EXORTATION:** Mature Christians don't merely go to church. They live on mission.

### Request:

- Let's practice the ministry of prayer. How can we be praying for one another this week?

### Remember:

- *"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." James 5: 16*