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The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians

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Chapter 1:11-12

1. Are you strengthened? How do you get strengthened?
(v11, Eph 3:16-20)

Spiritual power is a mark of every Christian who submits to God's Word and Spirit. It is not reserved for some special class of Christian, but for all those who discipline their minds and spirits to study the Word, understand it, and live by it.

Although the outer, physical person becomes weaker with age (cf. 2 Cor. 4:16), the inner, spiritual person should grow stronger through the Holy Spirit, who will energize, revitalize, and empower the obedient, committed Christian (cf. Acts 1:8; Rom. 8:5-9, 13; Gal. 5:16).*

2. What does it mean to patient? What does it mean to be longsuffering? Does God want you to be patient and longsuffering with joy? (v11)

Patience and longsuffering. These terms are closely related and refer to the attitude one has during trials. "Patience" looks more at enduring difficult circumstances while "longsuffering" looks at enduring difficult people.*

3. What does it mean to be "qualified" by God? (v12)

The Gr. word means "to make sufficient," "to empower," or "to authorize." God qualifies us only through the finished work of the Savior. Apart from God's grace through Jesus Christ, all people would be qualified only to receive His wrath.*

4. What does it mean to be "partakers of the inheritance of the saints"? (v12)

Inheritance. Lit. "for the portion of the lot." Each believer will receive his own individual portion of the total divine inheritance (Rom. 8:17), an allusion to the partitioning of Israel's inheritance in Canaan (cf. Num. 26:52-56; 33:51-54; Josh. 14:1, 2).



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5. What does “in the light” mean to you? (v12)

Sermon Notes

Scripture represents “light” intellectually as divine truth (Ps. 119:130) and morally as divine purity (Eph.5:8–14; 1 John 1:5). The saints’ inheritance exists in the spiritual realm of truth and purity where God Himself dwells (1 Tim. 6:16). Light, then, is a synonym for God’s kingdom. Cf. John 8:12; 2 Cor. 4:6; Rev. 21:23; 22:5.

11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.**

*MacArthur, J. J. (1997, c1997). The MacArthur Study Bible (electronic ed.) (Col 1:11-12). Nashville: Word Pub.

**The New King James Version, 1982 (Col 1:11-12). Nashville: Thomas Nelson..

Main Point: _____

Main Heading: _____

Paragraph summary of sermon: _____

Verses for meditation: _____
