ETERNAL HOPE OF THE SAINTS

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Bible Text: Colossians 1:3-8

Prayer

Righteous and Perfect God , we say thank you for bringing us into your presence this evening in the name of Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit come and teach us your word, enlighten our understanding, for in Jesus Christ name we pray .....Amen

Introduction

I welcome all of us in the name of Jesus Christ. I believe all is well with us.

Bible Text

Colossians 1:3-8 KJV

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Colossians 1:4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,

Colossians 1:5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Colossians 1:6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

Colossians 1:7 As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;

Colossians 1:8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

Study

In his letter to the church at Colosse, Paul the apostle wrote that he had never ceased praying for them since the birth of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. From this, we can see the attitude of Paul and Timothy towards the saints. This means that as a leader, we must cultivate the act of

intercession, interceding for all the saints. God is pleased with such services. If we look carefully into what is happening currently in the body of Christ, you will clearly see that the church is under severe attack by the kingdom of darkness, and for you to stand in the faith now, it is becoming difficult because of the situation surrounding the church today. This is why intercessory prayers are very important and should not be joked with. After winning a soul, praying for such a soul to be rooted in Christ is very important and can strengthen the faith of such a soul. These prayers will stop the kingdom of darkness from overcoming such a soul. It must be noted that it's most likely for a newly converted soul to act foolishly in sin at times, just like a newborn baby. It's not then for those who are matured to make jest of such a soul or backbite about him but to carefully guide him so that the kingdom of Satan will not gain him over.

At the time of conversion, a soul is newly born into the family of God and such needs protection. Those who have become adults in the family of God should be the ones to see to the protection of such a soul through the ministry of prayer and the word. The host of hell is all out to see that a newly saved person is brought back to their Kingdom because a soul means a lot to the kingdom of God and the kingdom of hell. They do not want anyone to make heaven as such they deploy demons out to bring back any soul to hell when they see that it has slipped out of their hands. They employ different tactics and devices, and the attack at this point is very high. This is why a newly saved soul is vulnerable and prone to backsliding if not well supported in word and prayer. There is always a change of heart when one truly accepts the Lord Jesus Christ, the love for the things of the world and the ways of sinners are taken away and then turned towards God and His household—the saints. **Colossians 1:4 KJV** Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, this is why fellowshipping with the saints which was initially boring would then become interesting and would be longed for, the hatred for the saints then is turned to joy and love for the saints because of the hope which one has for heaven. **Colossians 1:5 KJV** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

The major difference between the saved and unsaved is that there is hope for the saved—the hope of eternity in heaven, there is no sin with such hope, for any hope of making heaven outside Christ is a futile hope. This was why Paul said if all the hope we have in Christ is only in this world and does not transcend to eternity then we are more miserable than those who

do not know Christ. **1 Corinthians 15:19 KJV** If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. The major essence of our hope is that there is a glory incorruptible which we are longing for, which sinners do not have. This was the major focus of the early apostles of Christ. They were less concerned about the things of this world but focused on the things above. This was what Paul was talking about; he was referring to their glorious hope, he did not trust in the earthly things which are ephemeral. Peter, the Apostle, also talked about this. **1 Peter 1:3-4 KJV** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **[4]** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, these men were so focused on making heaven and not concerned about what the world can offer. The hope in Christ is a lively hope, a living hope which leads us to an inheritance incorruptible, unlike the things present, for there is nothing that cannot be corrupted in this world. Is it to talk about gold and silver? All power and authority can all become corrupt, just as it is said "power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely" for nothing on earth has a seal of permanency; everything is temporary. Please, we have to think about these things very well; we should try to mention something on Earth which is permanent. Is it money? Money will become useless one day, as it does not save on the day of wrath, only holy and righteous living does. **Proverbs 11:4 KJV** Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death.

I want to talk about houses, cars, businesses, children, husbands, and wives as things that are permanent. All these cannot transcend to eternity. The best way to view this is through the eyes of a dead man; he had a lot of things he acquired and achieved on Earth before he died, and when he died, his hands were open wide to signify, "When I came into this world, I came with nothing, and now I am going with nothing." His children will not go with him; his wife and his best friends will not go with him. In fact, those weeping at his funeral will start dancing on the field when music is played and food is being served. What then is worth holding onto in this temporal and passing world? If the person is a minister of God, they would even say that people should not cry because he has gone on to rest, whereas it is very possible that he is lamenting in hellfire, if his ways were not right with God as people might have thought.

1 Peter 1:4 KJV To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, but we have an inheritance not corruptible which can also not be defiled and can never fade away; this inheritance have been reserved for us in heaven. It cannot be kept here on earth because this earth keeps getting old daily and one day will wear out like a garment, for it is passing away. **1 John 2:17 KJV** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. The lust of this world would surely pass away one day, and everything in the world would be burnt up. **2 Peter 3:10 KJV** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. If all the works on the earth will be burnt up someday, then how foolish would it be to lay up one's treasures on Earth? Why then should a man put his hope in the things of this world? When one can have his inheritance reserved in heaven. This hope is not only said with words of mouth without the seal of the gospel on it; in fact, it is said with the truth of the gospel. It is an inheritance that will last forever and ever. **Colossians 1:5 KJV** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; these words were not held in unrighteousness as some do because of their ungodliness and unfaithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ, but are true and sure, standing on Christ the sure and solid foundation.

Romans 1:8 KJV First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. Those who do not believe the truth that they might be saved, but have pleasure in unrighteousness; will not in any way seek for the inheritance in heaven, for they mind earthly things but would realize how foolish they had been for rejecting such a glorious inheritance. **Philippians 3:19 KJV** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

The joyful thing about the Gospel of Truth, which propels one to seek an incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading treasure in heaven did not stop with the Israelites but has gone all over the world, reaching as many as possible who would trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. It has come to you and me, already bringing forth fruits and growing all over the world. This gospel of Truth has come to stay, at least until the Lord Jesus Christ finally establishes His Kingdom. Paul says this word of truth is also among the Colossians since the day they heard and knew the grace of God in truth.

Colossians 1:6 KJV Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: This is because faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. He said they heard and knew the grace of God in truth, implying that they came to know the unreserved favor of God in reality, deeply and clearly, slowly becoming accurately and intimately acquainted with it.

The will of God for all those who have the eternal hope in heavenly inheritance is that they are rooted deeply and thoroughly in Christ. They must be well acquainted with Him and taught the words of Christ accurately and clearly. They must begin to build intimacy with the Lord above every other thing. This Grace, rooted in truth, was taught by the Apostle, and Epaphras also ministered the same to them. When the true word of God is being preached, those who humble themselves enough to learn will be well grounded in it, making themselves ready and prepared for the celestial kingdom.

From this, we can see that an Epaphras is needed in every ministry. These are those who would be able to minister to the saints the same way we would if we were present. **Colossians 1:7-8 KJV** As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; [8] Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

In all it is important to focus on eternal, incorruptible treasures in heaven rather than temporary earthly possessions.

Paul and Timothy's continuous prayers for the Colossian church, highlights the need for intercession in the face of spiritual attacks and it proves a show of concern and care for a new convert. It is clear that the newly converted souls are vulnerable, and the role of mature believers is to guide and protect them through prayer and the Word. Let's remain focused on the Lord and wait eagerly for our redemption.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

Congratulations, now you are saved. If you prayed this short prayer, please WhatsApp +2347067511039 and let me know that you have just been saved. I want to have a word with you. God bless you!

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