

PRAYER, BIBLE READING, AND REVIEWING STUDIES

The Sufficiency of Scripture is replete throughout the New Testament

Study # 7

Rev. ch. 4 & 5

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The Throne Room of God & Pre-Trib Rapture

Invocatives

▼ A The beauty of time:

1. Wisdom is living life with an end goal

Psalm 90:11-12 (NKJV):

12 So teach us to **number our days**

That we may gain a heart of **wisdom**.

Deuteronomy 32:28-29 (NKJV):

29 Oh, that they were **wise**, that they
understood this,

**that they would consider
their latter end!**

Psalm 39:3-4 (NKJV):

4 "Lord, **make me to know my end
and what is the measure of my days.**
That I may know how frail I am.

▼ B God's methods for the Christian walk are in preparation for future eternal rewards:

1. An eternal attitude, with internal goals:

Colossians 1 (NIV89):

1 That, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy, our brother,
2 to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praising always** for you,

4 since we heard of **your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints:**

5 **because of the hope laid up for you in heaven** of which you previously heard in the word of **truth**, the
gospel

6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the
day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in **truth**.

7 Just as you learned it from Epaphroditus, our fellow slave (bond-servant), who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,

8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to **pray** for you and **ask** that you may be filled with the
knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding

10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, **treasuring Him in all respect, bearing fruit in every good work and
increasing in the knowledge of God**

11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the obtaining of all steadfastness and patience, joyously

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the **inheritance** of the saints in Light.

13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to
the kingdom of His beloved Son

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Providence in Scripture has to do with the inheritance

16 For by 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 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

18 He is also head of the body, the church, and He is the beginning, the **firstborn** from the dead, so that He Himself will come to
have first place in everything.

19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,
20 and through Him to come to be all things in Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on
earth or things in heaven.

21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds,

22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, **in order to present you before Him** holy and
 blameless and beyond reproach...

23 If indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from **the hope of the gospel** that
you have heard, which was proclaimed to all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul,

can make a witness.

24 Now I rejoice in your sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is
lacking in Christ's afflictions.

25 **of which the church is made a minister, according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I
might fully state and declare the mystery of the word of God,**

26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,

27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you,

the hope of glory.

28 His purpose for us, administrators: every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, **so that we may present every man
complete in Christ**

29 for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

**God's word is
sufficient**

2.

Colossians 2 (NIV89):

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally
seen my face,

2 that their hearts may be encouraged having been laid together in love, and obtaining in all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of
understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself.

3 **in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**

4 I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument.

5 For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in
Christ.

6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 **having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just
as you were instructed,** and continuing with gratitude.

*instruction came through divine revelation, which was completed
when Revelation was given to John, on the Island of Patmos*

8 **Be sure to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to
the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.**

9 For in Him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form.

10 **and in Him you have been made complete** and He is the head over all rule and authority;

11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of
Christ;

12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him
from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all
our transgressions,

14 having cancelled out the certificate of debts consisting of documents against us, which was hostile to us, and He has taken it out of the way, having
nailed it to the cross.

15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

16 Therefore no one is to sit as your judge in regard to food or drink or in regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day...

17 Things which are a mere shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

18 Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has
seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind;

19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a
growth which is from God.

20 If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to
deceit, such as,

21 "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch?"

22 which all order to things destined to perish with use... in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

23 These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe
treatment of the body, but are of no value against bodily indulgence.

Any man-contrived method to now or please God

3. Gods methods for interactions between Church age believers:

God's prescribed mental attitude

Colossians 3 (NIV89):

1 Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 **set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth**

3 for you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

6 **For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come
upon the sons of disobedience**

7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,

10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him...

11 as a renewal in which there is no malice between Greeks and Jews, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free man,
but Christ is all, and in all.

12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whatever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgives you, so also should you.

14 Beyond all these things, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body and by one blood.

16 But as the word of Christ dwells within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual
songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to the Lord.

17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

18 Husbands, love your wives, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.

20 Children, be obedient to your parents in the Lord, for this is right, pleasing to the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

22 Slaves, in all things obey your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of
heart, fearing the Lord.

23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men;

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

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