

Sermon Notes from Pastor Cornelius Schelling 9-13-09
Paul's Prayer for the Church
Twelve Things

Romans 15:1-7 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (2) Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. (3) For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. (4) For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (5) Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: (6) That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (7) Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

They needed to move from legalism to liberty in Christ. From the law to Grace.

Just like we need to move from religious spirits to freedom in Christ and freedom in Christ is not liberty to sin or to be a master of yourself.

Colossians 1:9-17

(9) For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

(10) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

(11) Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

(12) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

(13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

(14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

(15) Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

(16) For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

(17) And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

1. Filled with the knowledge of his will. vs. 9

2. Be filled with all wisdom. Vs9.

3. Have spiritual understanding. vs. 9.

4. Walk worthy of the Lord. vs. 10.

6. Be fruitful in all good works. vs 10.
7. Increase in the knowledge of God. vs. 10.
8. Be strengthened with all might. vs. 11.
9. Have his glorious power. vs. 11
10. Have all patience. Vs. 11.
11. Have all long suffering. vs. 11
12. Have Joy. vs. 11.

Paul begins his prayer with that they might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

This prayer is not to know the law but that they would know Grace. They already knew the law; they needed to know more of His Grace.

The words might be filled in verse nine means to be replete be full of food and that food is the knowledge of God's word.

When we get born again we become the righteousness of God in Christ and we are those new creatures in Christ, but we are empty of God's Word. The Bible calls us babies in Christ and as a natural baby we want to drink all the time until we, get full. It is the word that takes us out of babyhood stage then children and then into adulthood in Christ.

Growth is potential.

Potential -Webster's dictionary: existing but not fully developed, having the capacity to be.

When we get born again we are not fully developed, but we have great potential for development.

Even the new birth is potential, it was for Jesus and him going to the cross, him submitting himself to the will of the father. Jesus could not reach his full potential and be seated at the right hand of the father until he submitted to the will of the father and go to the cross and die for the sins of the whole world.

If you are born again, then you have submitted to that part of the will of the father.

The words "might be filled" is up to you—it's your choice and the application of the word is up to you; but for you to reach your full potential in Christ will be determined by you not God.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge.

If you are going to have all wisdom, spiritual understanding, walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing and be fruitful in every good work, it begins with the knowledge of

His will.

Then notice the last part of verse ten "increasing in the knowledge of God." If we are going to increase in the fruit and fulfill or complete the full potential for our lives, we will need to increase in the knowledge of his will.

Proverbs 2:4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures;

5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk up-rightly;

8 He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

Remember what John 15:7 says "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

The power of God comes from the knowledge of God's Word not from the Holy Spirit only.

What does John 14:26 say. The Holy Spirit teaches you, guides you into all truth which is God's Word. The Holy Spirit gives you power from the word that abides in you.

If you have no word in you the Holy Ghost has nothing to work with, the Holy Ghost has nothing to strengthen your life with because the Word and the Spirit agree.

Think about this if the Holy Spirit made us strong, we would all be strong but we know that's not true because all believers are not strong.

It is the Word of God and the Spirit that enables you with all power to overcome every test, circumstance.

It's not the Word that gives you power. It is the knowledge of the Word that gives you power.

Proverbs 2:10 When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

11 Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you.

John 8:32 Most people say the Bible says "the truth shall make you free", but Jesus did not say that the truth would set you free. Jesus said "if you know the truth it shall make you free."

If we have the wisdom and spiritual understanding of the Word then we will be free.

There are a lot of people that have the Bible and are still defeated in life.

Here another thought.

This is why the prayer if it be thy will does not work, it's not up to God, it's according

to the knowledge of His will. Now there is a time to pray if it be thy will but only to knowing the will of God for your life. Where do I go and what do I do.

John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

1John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.