

# Sermon Notes for Young People

April 14, 2019 | Colossians 1:12, "Liberated Christianity"

## I. Introduction

## II. Main Argument

### A. Joyful Gratitude (v. 12)

1. Character of the Christian Life: How does Paul describe a life "worthy of the Lord" here?
2. Gratitude is Fitting
  - a. The Christian life is begun by \_\_\_\_\_ and results in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. How does the gospel attack Middle Class American Values?
3. The Duty of Gratitude: Why is ingratitude / unthankfulness so offensive to God? (cf. Rom. 1)
4. Character of Gratitude: what does this gratitude look like?
5. Application
  - a. Why is it problematic if we do something religious merely because it is our duty?
  - b. Does guilt or fear motivate you more than gratitude for God's grace?
  - c. Is Satan very clever? How is able to trick us?
  - d. Is your gratitude to God what makes you right with God?

### B. Reasons for Gratitude (vv. 12-14)

1. Qualified Christianity (v. 12)
  - a. What qualifications did the Colossians meet?
  - b. What are Christians qualified for?
  - c. How does Paul portray the New Covenant Church as the fulfillment of Israel and God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?
  - d. Does the Church replace Israel?
    - 1) Gal. 6:15-16
    - 2) Phil. 2:14-16
    - 3) Eph. 2:14-22
    - 4) John 10:14-16
2. Delivered Christianity (v. 13)
  - a. What Old Testament event is referenced here?
  - b. What are three results of being removed from the power (dominion) of darkness?
  - c. If the Church is the New Israel, then who is the True Israel (cf. Hosea 11:1)?
  - d. Does deliverance from the Dominion of Darkness mean we will no longer desire sin?
3. Redeemed Christianity (v. 14)
  - a. What is "Redemption"?
  - b. What is "Forgiveness"?

### III. Questions for my Parents or the Pastor: