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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

11-028-51 PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH (RSV)

:00-5:00 Review of some earlier teaching and a reaffirmation that all Christians have two addresses; one within the body of Christ and one in the world.

5:00 Colossians 1:3-5a We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Teaching – Two things Paul is thankful for, relative to the Colossians

1. Their faith in Jesus Christ (the object of their faith). Jesus removed every barrier to the Father. Even the faith to believe is itself a gift of grace. Reference Ephesians 2:8-9.
2. Their love for all the saints (their brothers and sisters in Christ). Faith in God is accompanied by love for the brethren. Reference Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus joined the love of God with the love of man.

8:35 1 John 4:20 You cannot say you love God while you are in a condition of hating a brother. To do so is to be a liar. God has connected the vertical relationship to the horizontal relationship. Reference 1 Peter 3:7

11:50 Colossians 1:5a because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Teaching on the biblical concept of

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salvation. It is much more than a salvation of the soul from the penalty of sin – It is being brought to wholeness in the purpose and plan of God for your life. The remediation of all that is amiss.

13:15 Colossians 1:5b-6 The gospel truth had made a difference in their lives. A gospel message that does not bear fruit – is not the gospel message. The true gospel challenges the shoddiness of our behavior and the shallowness of our affections.

The church is to deliver the invitation to Christ.

19:00 Jeremiah 23:16-17 Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to every one who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’”

Teaching on the necessity of speaking God’s word in truth, without manipulation. The litmus test: is there meaningful change, toward Christlikeness, in the lives of those who listen to the teachers.

22:05 Jeremiah 23:18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to perceive and to hear his word, or who has given heed to his word and listened? Teaching on the necessity of knowing what God wishes to transmit through the teacher.

23:10 Jeremiah 23:21-22 “I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they

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prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Teaching.

25:30 Colossians 1:5b-8 Reading and teaching on Epaphras and the origin of the church at Colossae.

26:40 Colossians 1:9-12 Paul continues in his prayer. Three petitions (A), (B), (C):

A). Verse 9 -That they will be filled with the knowledge of God's will, spiritual wisdom and understanding. Reference Matthew 6:9-13. The priority of God's will is first. Reference Matthew 6:33. Seek first God's kingdom. Reference John 3:3,5

Understanding and entering the Kingdom. Teaching: The kingdom of God is that sphere wherein the will of God is accomplished in the hearts of man. Reference John 4:34; John 5:30; John 6:38 Jesus came to do not his own will but the will of the Father. Reference Matthew 26:39 Teaching – Life comes together when you are in the center of God's will for you.

B). Verse 10 – To lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work, increasing in the knowledge of God. Teaching. A reflection on the life of Jim Elliott and his concern for an AUG degree (approved unto God).

C). Verse 11-12 That you be strengthened to have great endurance and patience. Joyfully giving thanks to the Father who has given you a chance to share in the inheritance. Teaching – yield to the Spirit.

37:35 Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Teaching – “Under New Management”.

Col. 1:3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel

Eph. 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Matt. 22:37 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

1John 4:20 If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

1Pet. 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Col. 1:5 the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.

Jer. 23:16 This is what the LORD Almighty says:
“Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you;
they fill you with false hopes.
They speak visions from their own minds,
not from the mouth of the LORD.

Jer. 23:17 They keep saying to those who despise me,
‘The LORD says: You will have peace.’

And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts
they say, 'No harm will come to you.'

Jer. 23:18 But which of them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see or to hear his word?
Who has listened and heard his word?

Jer. 23:19 See, the storm of the LORD
will burst out in wrath,
a whirlwind swirling down
on the heads of the wicked.

Jer. 23:20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he fully accomplishes
the purposes of his heart.

In days to come
you will understand it clearly.

Jer. 23:21 I did not send these prophets,
yet they have run with their message;

I did not speak to them,
yet they have prophesied.

Jer. 23:22 But if they had stood in my council,
they would have proclaimed my words to my people
and would have turned them from their evil ways
and from their evil deeds.

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6 that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and
growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and
understood God's grace in all its truth. 7 You learned it from Epaphras, our
dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and
who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Col. 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray:
“ ‘Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,

Matt. 6:10 your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Matt. 6:11 Give us today our daily bread.

Matt. 6:12 Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Matt. 6:13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’

Matt. 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

John 3:5 Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

John 4:34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

John 5:30 By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

Matt. 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Col. 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.