Sermon Notes **Providence Community Church**

12-25-16 Ken Carlton **Title**: SAINTS IN LIGHT

Main Text: Colossians 1:9-13

Sermon Description: Paul's prayer in the Colossian prologue explores and applies the glorious transformational possibilities for believers predicated upon the glory of Christ. Our recent message from this passage expounded verses 15-20. In these verses the apostle magnifies our Lord astounding the reader with the breadth of Christ's pedigree from His pre-incarnate glory to His glory secured through incarnation. Thus, Paul's prayers for the church – in one sense – are studies of the transformational power of the incarnation. One may wonder why Paul can pray and admonish so confidently, so boldly and so broadly in spite of all the natural hinderances one might expect him to face in his ministry at any given time. The perspective point answering this question is always the superior power of Christ, His Word, and Gospel. Paul knew personally how tough cases were no match for the Lord and He is mindful of this as he writes the churches. Today's message is a brief exposition of Paul's prayer for the saints in Colossae, followed by a sample documenting of the testament of the inheritance of the saints in light through redemptive history...

Heading: 3 THEMES OUTLINING PAUL'S PRAYER FOR BELIEVERS:

1. BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL (Col 1:9-10)

a. Content b. Aim c. Synergy

2. BE STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER (11)

a. Grounding b. Endurance c. Patience with joy

3. BE THANKFUL FOR THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN LIGHT (12-13)

a. Qualifications b. Qualifying process c. Uniquely providing d. Light through redemptive history: (Gen 1:1-5, Ex13:21-22, 19:16-20, 34:29-35, II Sam 23:3-7, Is 9:1-7, 60:1-6, Luke 1:78-79, 2:25-32, Mat 2:1-11, 4:12-17)

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FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Creation	Theme: Exodus	Theme: Mediator	Theme: Covenant	Theme: Prophecy	Theme: Fulfillment
Verses: Gen 1:1-5	Verses: Ex 13:21-22	Verses: Ex 34:29-35	Verses: II Sam 23:3-7	Verses: Is 9:1-7	Verses: Mt 4:12-17

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: *Hebrews 10:26-39 ...Communion Sunday...*