

BE WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I. GREETING (vv. 1-2)

- i. Belongingness
- ii. Identity

II. THANKFUL (VV. 3-4)

- i. Faith that is greatly enlarged
- ii. Super abounding love

The Triad of Paul: Faith, Love and Hope.

- Signs of a maturing Christian
- Means of testing ourselves

III. HOPEFUL (VV. 5-10)

- Biblical hope is the hope of certainty of retribution and reward for our God is the righteous judge.
- Retribution of vengeance (v.8) and eternal destruction (v.9) for those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel
- Reward of relief (v.7) and reward (v.10) to those who believe (v.10)

IV. FAITHFUL (VV. 11-12)

- Paul's response is prayer
- Not for relief from suffering but in the fulfillment of the purposes of God in them.
- Prays for three things – Depend, Resolve and Action

A. Prays That They Depend On God As He Makes Them Worthy of The Calling (v.11)

- "be made fit for the Kingdom" not the earning of the right to the Kingdom

B. Prays That God Will Fulfill Their Every Resolve For Good. (v.11)

- We will not absolve from our resolve
- Ours is not a will power religion that tries to please God; but
- His power that enables us to work as He fulfills (Colossians 1:29).

C. Prays That God Will Fulfill Every Work of Faith By His Power (v.11)

- Resolve is no good till it is acted upon.
- It is an act of faith and done in the power of God.

V. BE MADE WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- Imagine what God of the Universe – the King of glory can do when He chooses to work on you – what joy to submit to Him to be transformed into the image of our Lord.
- It makes all suffering worth it – every resolve for good worth keeping – and every labor done in faith by His power successful.

May He be glorified among us – as we worship Him alone; and

May He be glorified in us – as He presents us glorious, blemishless and without spot;

For our glory is only the reflection of His – He will be glorified. Amen!