

1. God _____ us from the rule of sin and darkness.

(1:13a) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness,

2. God _____ us into His kingdom under Christ's rule.

(1:13b) transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son

3. God _____ us in Christ's work for us.

(1:14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

4. God _____ us to Himself.

(1:21-22) And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach

5. God _____ us in the gospel through persevering faith.

(1:23) if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

--- Paul's persevering faith ---

(1:24-27) Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am supplementing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions in behalf of His body, which is the church. I was made a minister of this church according to the commission from God granted to me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which had been hidden from the past ages and generations, but now has been revealed to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what the wealth of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles is, the mystery that is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- ✓ God sovereignly calls all believers to participate in the ministry of the gospel.
- ✓ We faithfully carry out the work that God has assigned.
- ✓ God alone produces the results, to display His glory in Christ.

(1:28-29) **We** proclaim Him, admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person complete in Christ. For this purpose I also labor, striving according to His power which works mightily within me.

"We proclaim Him"...

1. as we speak to outsiders about our _____.

(1 Peter 3:14-15) But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be in dread, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect;

We are "admonishing every person"...

2. as we _____ and warn insiders.

(1 Thessalonians 5:14-15) We urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek what is good for one another and for all people.

We are "teaching every person"

3. as we are both _____ and teachers of God's word.

(3:16) Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing 'one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

We "present every person complete in Christ"

4. as we take responsibility for the spiritual _____ of others.

(Hebrews 13:7) Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their way of life, imitate their faith.

We "labor, striving according to His power"

5. as we learn to live in deeper _____ on Christ.

(2 Corinthians 3:5-6) Not that we are adequate in ourselves so as to consider anything as having come from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.