

# Eastern Mission

## Apostolic Lutheran Church of America

Greetings of God's Peace to all,

We as Christians often bemoan our own cold hearts and failures, but in the sight of God, through what Jesus Christ has accomplished on the Cross of Calvary in our behalf, we are perfect in His eyes.

Apostle Paul's prayer unto the Colossian Christians is also our hope and comfort today.

**Col.1:9-14. For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding .That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might according to His glorious power unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son. In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of our sins.**

**Col.1:19-22**

**For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell: And having made peace through the blood of His Cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, by Him, I say whether they be things in earth or things in Heaven. And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight.**

We are clothed with the righteousness of Christ. We are redeemed. Unregenerate man does not possess this. It is given only to those who are born of God when His Son has cleansed us from sin and renews our heart and fills it with His Spirit, love and wisdom. Beloved, we do have a glorious and wonderful Heavenly Father who freely provides all this unto us. Today we are in the Kingdom of God and our names are written in the Book of Life in Heaven by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This hope we have when God has awakened us from our sin and revealed His Son to us.

We find Him in the hearts of His own children in whom He continues to do the work that He did while on this earth forgiving the sins of mankind. This He does through the Holy Spirit whom Jesus said he would send unto us after He returned to the Father in Heaven. In the Light of God's Word we are most blessed today. We have the riches of God's Kingdom in the glories of Heaven. In the midst of our earthly trials let us be encouraged to continue in the race until we are called Home to be with our Savior. This promise will bring joy and rejoicing to our hearts. Today it seems we see little rejoicing. I can remember 50-60 years ago how the preaching of the Word would move the hearts of people and praises were heard, " Oh,:Jesus, be thanked," especially in the Finnish language. Truly there is much for which we should be thankful. For His care through this life and the security of our Home with Him when we make our earthly departure. In closing may our hearts be filled with His joy and blessing as Jesus said "Learn of Me that your joy may be full"

May God's Peace abide within our hearts.  
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