

Day 4 Colossians 1:9-14

When it comes to understanding technology, I have to say I am terribly lazy. I probably use 50% of the features on my phone and the rest, well...they don't exist in my world. It is the same with my computer.

My adult children are my closest thing to tech support because my husband has quit this job. Which now that I think of it may be the reason that they don't answer my calls anymore.

But I understand their frustration. Why would I have something as costly as an iPhone and not know all its benefits? Why would I stay ignorant on the privileges I have in owning that device? Now that I think of it, I do feel a bit foolish.

So, you can guess where I am going. Colossians is one of several of the epistles that takes time for some spiritual tech support.

The apostles did not want the Colossians or us to live in ignorance of the privileges and the benefits of our faith. They wanted us to know we are 100% covered by our Father. Let's look at a few of the features of our faith.

First, we have the Holy Spirit living within us. And actually, the Holy Spirit is the one who opened our eyes when we were blind to the things of God.

But the Holy Spirit is also our assurance that God is closer than we can ever imagine. The Spirit is always pointing us to our Father and is quick to give us God's perspective if we will seek it. The Spirit translates God's will by connecting us to God through the Bible and through prayer. That is part of seeking.

But the best feature of the Holy Spirit? He is tasked with transforming us into the image of our Father. As the Spirit shows us the mysteries of our faith, we will become agile in applying our faith to our life. It will become more than how we behave; it will become how we live.

Second, is that as the knowledge and wonder of our salvation increase, so does our ability to love people well. We are given the distinct honor of helping others see the gospel and showing others God's love through our deeds.

We are always growing in the knowledge of God, that is an incredible thought. He is always transforming us to know Him better. God is always wanting us to know He is bigger than our wildest thought about Him.

Third, This next promise is of great benefit to us in this world. We are promised great endurance. Some of us, probably most of us can attest to this feature. This is promised strength and power to be sustained in the midst of bad circumstances by His might. We can't always explain it, but we know when it is there. It is a promise.

Fourth, And there is this final fact that our Father has qualified us as His holy people. We are his and he has a stake in us. He will finish what he starts in us because His word and His name is at stake. He cannot break His word to us. It is not possible. This feature will not fail us.

And because of that we have the inheritance of a salvation that can never be taken from us. We are part of the inheritance and Kingdom of His Son. This feature is best used when we face fear and doubt. It will smother fear if we strive to believe it.

These are just a few, and we will learn so much more as we open ourselves to truth.