

Linking Heaven to Earth

Col 1:24,29



Our Labour

Col 1:24,29 *Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church... To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.*

NIV



Paga

To meet

Gen 32:1

To impact as in a fight. (lay upon/fall upon)

2 Sam 1:15; Isa 53:6

To stand as an intermediary or 'go-between'

Isa 59:16

To bring about a change through persistent asking

Gen 23:8

To reach

Josh 19:11



Things We Pray for Pre-Christians

1. Veils/strongholds removed

2 Cor 3:14-17

2 Cor 10:4-6

Stronghold – place from which someone is held

- Arguments – Lagismoses – belief system
- Pretensions – Hupsomas – pride and idols
- Thoughts – Noamos – schemes or plans

Things We Pray for Pre-Christians



2. God would keep them safe

John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. NIV

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3. God would send labourers

***Matt 9:37-38** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
NIV*



Evangelism

- ***C.S. Lewis*** *The church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little christs (and to establish Christ's governance on earth) If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself are a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose.*

- ***Matt 10:7*** *As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'*
- ***Acts 1:8*** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...*
- ***Luke 10:5*** *"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'*



First Steps to 'Easy' Evangelism

- Start with people you know
- Remember you are not alone
- Set regular time aside to pray
- Do something kind for a stranger
- Keep your Encounter book and invite card close
- Ask questions
- Offer to pray for needs



Boldness

- **Prov 28:1** *The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.*
- **Acts 4:28-31** ... *After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*



Intimidation is a spiritual force

- Don't give in to it
- We have what the world needs
- Support one another
- Together we will win

