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January 27, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

## ***Paul's Prayer in Colossians 1:9-12, Part 6***

Paul prayed for the saints to be filled with the knowledge of God's will so that they would be empowered to know God in a deep way, walk worthy of Him, and be fruitful in ministry.

"...[we] do not cease to pray for you...that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might... for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father..."

Colossians 1:9-12

The Spirit leads us to the deep things of God. The Spirit longs to be our escort into the treasure of the deep things of God's heart.

"The Spirit searches... the deep things of God... We have received... the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things... freely given to us by God."

1 Corinthians 2:10-12

"The Spirit of truth... will guide [escort] you into all truth... He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you."

John 16:13-14

God is raising up ministries to bring the Church to the knowledge of the deep things of Jesus. The most neglected subject in the kingdom of God is God Himself. Instead, we talk about relationship skills, leadership principles, economic principles, ministry skills, and how to be happy and make life easier. The Spirit wants to reveal the knowledge of God to His people.

"To me... grace was given that I should preach... the unsearchable riches of Christ..."

Ephesians 3:8

Jesus is our greatest treasure, but He is "hidden" until we seek for more of Him with all our heart. The Spirit will escort us into the divine treasury of the magnificence and beauty of Jesus. Our life is to be a treasure hunt into the knowledge of God, which becomes our gold.

"Yes, if you... lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will... find the knowledge of God."

Proverbs 2:3-5

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A man sold everything when he found the pearl.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Matthew 13:45-46

Jesus is so worth it. We can give up all!