

# Sermon Notes for Young People

April 7, 2019 | Colossians 1:11, "Powerful Christianity"

## I. **Introduction: How is it possible for believers to live lives pleasing to God?**

### II. **Main Argument**

#### A. **Empowered Christianity**

1. What is the Calling of the New Covenant Church?
2. How does Paul pray that His prayers of v. 10 will be answered?
  - a. If you are not struggling with any sins is that a sign of spiritual maturity? Why or why not?
  - b. Are our own strength and accountability systems enough to keep us from sin?
  - c. What is our role or job in growing in holiness?
3. How Much Strength?
  - a. What are the first three "all" statements in Paul's Prayer (Col. 1:9-14)
  - b. What is one "way of escape" from sin when tempted?
  - c. The same power available to Christians also did what in history?

- d. Should all God's people see increasing holiness in their lives?

#### B. **Patient Christianity**

1. What are the two ways this strength or "empowerment" are seen in the Christian life?
  - a. What is the difference between "endurance" and "patience"?
  - b. How much "endurance and patience" does Paul pray the Colossian Christians will have?
  - c. Why does God give us His powerful strength?
2. Why is joy important?
  - a. When did the Apostles show joyful patience and endurance in Acts 5?
  - b. How does social media discourage joyful endurance and patience?
  - c. How are we able to show patience to difficult and/or disappointing people (e.g. pastors)?
  - d. How is the Lord's Table a picture of God's patience and endurance toward His people?

### III. **Questions** for my Parents or the Pastor: