God forbid; but surely righteousness and victory over Satan, sin and self. Paul in finishing his sentence gives God's purpose thus: That ye may become blameless and harmless children of God in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

His prayer for the Colossians is: That ye may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all patience and long-suffering with joy; giving thanks unto the Father who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light; who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love; in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins; who is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.

Writing to the Thessalonians, he says: The Lord establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it. The Lord is faithful who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.