

Paul's Prayer For The Colossians

Colossians 1:9-14

Paul often prays for the saints.
Philippians 1:9-11; Ephesians 1:15-20

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For what did he pray? 1:9

- "Filled"
- "The Knowledge Of His Will"
- "In All Wisdom And Spiritual Understanding"
 - James 1:5 Prayer
 - Ephesians 3:3-5 Read the word

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● **Why Is Being Filled with Such Knowledge So Important?**

- Lack of knowledge always a problem – cf. Hosea 4:6
- It is essential to our renewal in becoming like Christ – Colossians 3:8-10

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For what did he pray? 1:10-14

- "Walk worthy of the lord, fully pleasing him" NKJV
 - To conduct ourselves in a manner *WORTHY* of the Lord – Ephesians 4:1
 - To conduct ourselves in a manner *FULLY PLEASING HIM*. cf. Luke. 6:46

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- "Walk Worthy of the Lord, FULLY Pleasing Him"
- **We do not please God by accident.**

2 Corinthians 5:6-9, "Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord (for we walk by faith, not by sight); we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him."

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Ephesians 5:8-10, "For ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord"

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Conduct *Worthy of the Lord, Fully Pleasing Him*,
Is One in Which We Are:

- ***"Being fruitful in every good work"*** (10)
 - Not just "one," but ***"EVERY"*** good work – cf. Titus 2:14; 3:1
 - For this we have been ***"created in Christ Jesus"*** – Ephesians 2:10
 - Why? So that God may be glorified – Matthew 5:16
 - What sort of good works? – cf. Matthew 25:37-40; James 1:27
- **Are we being fruitful?** 7

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Conduct *"Worthy of the Lord, Fully Pleasing Him,"* Is One in Which We Are:

- ***"Increasing in the knowledge of God"***
 - We need to grow in the knowledge of God HIMSELF, not just His will – cf. Jeremiah 9:23-24; cf. 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 John 2:3-4

How can one truly know God?

- Through CREATION – Psalms 19:1; Romans 1:18-20
- Through inspired REVELATION (cf. the Psalms and the prophets)
- Through JESUS – John 14:7-9; Colossians 2:9
- **Are we daily increasing in this knowledge of God?** 8

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For what did he pray? (11)

- ***"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power"*** NKJV (cf. 2 Timothy 1:7-8)
- Paul often wrote about God's ***"glorious power."***
 - He experienced it in his own life – Philippians 4:13
 - He wanted others to know about it – Ephesians 1:15-20
 - He identified it with the working of the Spirit in the inner man – Ephesians 3:16
 - He describes its greatness – Ephesians 3:20

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What is the purpose of such power?

- ***"for all PATIENCE and LONGSUFFERING with JOY"*** – (cf. Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Are we experiencing this strength which God gives to those who do His will?**

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For what did he pray?

- ***"Giving thanks to the father"*** (12-14)
 - Christians, be thankful. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- Why?
 - God has ***"made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light"*** (12) – cf. 1 Peter 1:3-5
 - God has ***"delivered us from the power of darkness"*** – cf. Ephesians 2:1-5
 - God has ***"translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love"*** (13)
 - In Whom we have ***"redemption through His blood"***
 - In Whom we have ***"the forgiveness of sins"*** – cf. Revelation 1:5-6
- **Are we thankful?** 11

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- Colossians 1:9-14, *"For this cause we also, since the day we heard (it), do not cease to pray and make request for you,*
1. ***that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,***
 2. ***to walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;***
 3. ***strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, unto all patience and longsuffering with joy;***
 4. ***giving thanks unto the Father, who made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in 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."*** 12