

Blessed in Prayer

Colossians 1: 9 – 14

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Series: living in Contentment

Colossians 1: 9 - 11

⁹ For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

Colossians 1: 12 - 14

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. ¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer to be Filled with the Knowledge of His Will. V. 9.

- Paul heard of their saving faith through Epaphras.
 - The content of his prayer for this maturing congregation was to be filled or under Holy Spirit control.
 - God's will is not a mystery we need to search for, but it is revealed generally in God's word.
- Spiritual wisdom and understanding verses the false teachings.
 - Spending time in God's word gives us wisdom and insight to live out His will in our lives.
 - Terms properly defined are important.

Prayer Result – Walk Worthy. V. 10 - 11.

- God's design in maturing in knowledge, is to result in living worthy of Christ.
 - In Christianity knowledge and obedience go together.
- Blessings of a worthy walk.
 - Such pleases the Lord.
 - Fruit in life is present and grows including increasing in the knowledge of God.
 - Moral Excellence as one is strengthened in Godly power.
 - Strengthened to stand steadfast and patient.

A Key in Prayer – Joyful Thanksgiving. Vv. 12 – 14.

- Growing in maturity, Christians will be thankful and joyful.
 - Joy is the fruit of the Spirit.
 - We have been made qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.
 - He rescued us from the domain of darkness
 - He transferred us to the kingdom of His Son He loves.
 - In Christ we have redemption (the ransom paid, emancipation) from sin, and forgiveness (our debt of sin is cancelled).

Conclusion

- Knowing and living in God's will requires knowing God's word and the Holy Spirit's work giving us wisdom and understanding.
- Living out that knowledge brings blessings to us and glorifies God, leading to our living in contentment.
- Supernatural power is available for endurance and patience if we will ask for it.
- Thanking God, reflecting on our gracious salvation should lead us to contentment in Him.