



## A Prayer for Colossae

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## Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

*We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way.* – Colossians 1:9b-10

A Quick Overview of the Book ...

### A Prayer for Colossae ... Colossians 1:9-14

I. A \_\_\_\_\_ – 1:3-5

- a. Faith
- b. Love
- c. Hope

II. His Prayer for the Colossian's ... – vs. 9-12

- a. He Prayed for their \_\_\_\_\_
- b. He Prayed for their \_\_\_\_\_
- c. He Prayed for their \_\_\_\_\_

III. His Celebration with the Colossians – vs. 13-14

- a. Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ Them
- b. Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ Them
- c. Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ Them

### Let's Consider ...

- I. We need to be reminded often of where we came from so that we don't lose sight of both \_\_\_\_\_ for what Christ has done and \_\_\_\_\_ for what lies ahead.
- II. We desperately need the \_\_\_\_\_ from those who travel this journey with us.
- III. Paul's prayer for the fullness of the knowledge of God's will and a worthy walk is a great \_\_\_\_\_ and an excellent \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Have you ever been duped by a salesman; to buy a product that did not measure up? How do you feel when a salesman misrepresents a product, then you buy it and it does not work? Are you likely to return to buy another product from him or her? Why or why not?

Are there any similarities to the above salesman when we say one thing and do another or behave in a different manner from what we have professed?

2. God's will often unfolds very differently than we expect. One example of this is found in an interesting story in 2 Kings 5:1-15. Read the story and answer the following ...
  - a. How do Naaman's expectations of how God would heal him compare to how it actually happened?
  - b. Why do you think Naaman was so angry at how God chose to heal him?
  - c. What can we learn about how we and others respond to God's will from this story?

3. In order to live out the simple and clear will of God we need more than knowledge, willpower and effort. We need the power that only God provides. How does each verse below connect our obedience to God's will with God's provision of power?

John 15:4-5	Ephesians 5:15-21	2 Corinthians 5:17-20
Philippians 2:12-13	Titus 3:4-8	1 Thessalonians 1:3

Can you think of any common challenges people face in tapping into God's power to live the Christian life?

4. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
  - a. What do authentic Christians look like? How do they behave? How should we? How do you line up?
  - b. Does it matter if our motives for growth are proper? How can we make sure that our motives for spiritual growth are right? Why are right motives essential?
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- b. He Prayed for their Practical Obedience
- c. He Prayed for their Moral Excellence

#### III. His Celebration with the Colossians – vs. 5b-6

- a. Christ has Qualified Them
- b. Christ has Delivered Them
- c. Christ has Redeemed Them

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