

Colossians: The Solid Rock – The Power of Prayer (1:9-12)

1. The Power of Prayer

- A. Prayer brings God's _____
 - 1. Hezekiah praying for Judah; one angel kills over 185,000 enemies (**2Kings19:14-19**)
 - 2. The early church: Pentecost(Acts2); Peter's release(Acts12:5); Paul's deliverance (**Phil1:19**)
- B. Prayer gives us _____ and peace in difficult times (**Phil4:4-7; Acts16:25**)
- C. Prayer is how we _____ against Satan for the souls of mankind (**Eph6:18; Col4:2-4**)
- D. God _____ prayer! (**Ps18:1-9, 16-19; 1Jn5:14-15**)

2. Paul Prays for the Colossians

- A. Paul's _____ and the book of Colossians – notice the order
 - 1. Paul makes a petition to God that they are filled with the knowledge of His will
 - *Chp1,2 are focused on the theology and doctrine of Christ
 - 2. We see the results of Paul's prayer, we walk in a manner worthy of the Lord
 - *Chp3,4 show us how we are to live in a way that glorifies God
 - 3. Knowing Christ; who He actually is; and the doctrinal teachings of Scripture are KEY in living a life that is worthy and pleasing to the Lord – *Bad doctrine = bad, ungodly living!*
- B. Paul's _____: to be filled with the knowledge of His will
 - 1. Filled with the knowledge of His will; **Gk.** filled = totally controlled
 - 2. Knowledge, Gk. = deep and thorough...of God's will – found in God's Word! **2Tim3:16-17**
 - 3. God's will = the understanding of who God truly is, **and** what **He wants** and demands
 - *this is found ONLY in God's Word, AND this is to govern how we live
 - *How do we do this? ***Prov2:1-8**
 - 4. Bad theology (study of God) and bad doctrine (teaching of God) = ungodly living = defeat!
- C. The _____: to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord – this is a life totally controlled by God's will
 - 1. God calls us to live a life worthy of _____ and His mission, pleasing Him *1Thess2:12; Eph4:1
 - *Christ empowers us to live this way! ***Eph1:18-20; 3:20**
 - 2. Bearing fruit in _____ good work – our lives should bear eternal fruit; **Prv11:30; Jn15:8,16**
 - 3. Growth: increasing in the knowledge of _____; **Eph4:14-16; Phil1:9; 2Pe1:5-8**
 - 4. Strength: strengthened with all _____ according to His might (**Eph6:10; Acts1:8**)
 - *strengthened, Gk. continuous strength, according to God's attributes and might/power
 - 5. Endurance: for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience with _____; **Rm5:2-5; Ja1:2-4**
 - *steadfast – patience in circumstances; patience – patience with people
 - *a life growing in knowing/walking with Jesus, growing in strength in Christ; is a life that will endure with joy AND thanksgiving! ***1Cor15:58; Rom15:13**