



SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2021

COLOSSIANS: CHRIST ALONE

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

~ Colossians 1:9-14

A PRISONER'S PRAYER "PART 2"

Paul prays four specific things for these believers:

1. SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE

Memory Verse

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may **be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;***

~ Colossians 1:9

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. ~ Hosea 4:6

2. SPIRITUAL OBEDIENCE

*That you may **walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him.** ~ Colossians 1:10a*

*But don't just listen to God's word. **You must do what it says.** Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ~ James 1:22*

We are to walk in...

- Wisdom (Eph. 5:15)
- Humility (Eph. 4:1-3)
- Purity (Rom. 13:13)
- Faith (2 Cor. 5:7)
- Good works (Eph. 2:10)
- Love (Eph. 5:2)

3. SPIRITUAL FRUITFULNESS

*Being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
~ Colossians 1:10b*

Fruit is produced in a believers' life by...

- **Our union with Christ**

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ~ John 15:4-5

- **Our union with the Holy Spirit**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ~ Galatians 5:22

*By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.
~ John 15:8*

4. SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ~ Colossians 1:11

Next Steps

- Memorize Colossians 1:9
- Sign up for growth track
- Sign up for Men's breakfast on 4/24