

(Colossians 1:1-2) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

(Colossians 1:3) We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

APPLAUDING THEM FOR THEIR MATURING:

1. _____ in Christ Jesus.

(Colossians 1:4-5) since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope reserved for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

2. _____ for all the saints.

(Colossians 1:6) which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth

ASKING GOD FOR THEM:

1. Fill them with the knowledge of _____.

(Colossians 1:9) For this reason we also, since the day we heard about it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

2. Live a life _____.

(Colossians 1:10-12) 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; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

How do I know God's will?

- ☑ **The Counsel of God's** _____.
Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105
- ☑ **The Comfort of God's** _____.
Isaiah 26:3; Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:6-7
- ☑ **The Confirmation of God's** _____.
Proverbs 11:14; Proverbs 19:20-21

(Colossians 1:13a) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness,

He rescued us from kingdom of DARKNESS.

- _____ Romans 5:16; Jude 1:4
- _____ Matthew 7:13-14; Revelation 20:11-15

(Colossians 1:13-14) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He brought us into the kingdom of LIGHT.

- ✓ _____ Ephesians 1:7-10; Romans 3:24
- ✓ _____ 1 John 1:9; Psalm 32:1-2

KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON

(Colossians 1:21-23) And although you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach— if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you have heard,

✓ Living in Christ (Colossians 1:15-18)

1. He is the _____ of God. v.15
2. He is the firstborn over all creation. v.15
3. He is _____ of all things. v.16
4. He is Sustainer of all things. v.17
5. He is the _____ of the church. v.18
6. He is First among resurrection from the dead. v.18
7. He is _____ over everything! v.18

(Colossians 1:19-20) For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.