



Colossians

Focused Prayers 1:9-14

Prayer for them

- Paul has called them to great things... LOVE, hope, faith...
 - We can write; we can pray...
- **Pray** – *proseuchomai*; **Ask** – *aiteo* (beg, crave)
 1. pleroo – to fill to fullness, make full (subj), Why this 1st?
 2. Knowledge of His will – epignosis
 3. In all wisdom – sophia, applied properly
 4. sunesis (7x) – running, flowing together
- This is Paul's answer to the Gnostic lies
 - How well do we wisely know / flow with it?
 - But, knowing is not the goal... knowledge must lead to...

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- **Walk worthy peripateo** – lifestyle, behavior
- axios (6x) suitable manner, the same weight as something else... CHRIST!
- This results in:
 - Desire to please (1x); from aresko (17x) in all respects...
 - Bearing fruit in every good work & increasing...not static (6)
 - Increasing knowledge of God - *epignosis*
- **Without obedience, knowledge is worthless!**

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- Fullness; Walk; and now...
- **Strengthened** – *dunamoo* (1x) “empowered with all power”
 - “according to His glorious might” – GOD’s!
 - Flesh cannot attain anywhere near this!
 - “might of glory” – not just for powers sake...
 - All patience, longsuffering w/joyfulness (*chara*)
 - James 5:10; 2Corinthians 6:4,6; 2Timothy 3:10
 - *hopomone* – endurance, perseverance, not passive but active! Facing and conquering
 - *makrothumia* – patient wo/retaliation-vengeance

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- And doing it joyfully, gladly!!! (*chara*)
 - Romans 12:12; James 1:2-4;5:7; Philippians 1:3-6
- **Is this what we are hearing preached?**
 - Fullness; walking; strengthened – so we can endure and do so w/o retaliation but with joy
 - This is all about character, not possessions
- Can/do we pray for this for ourselves? others?

Power of God!

- **Delivered us** – rhoumai – rescued (aorist)
 - *exousia* of darkness – authority of sin in us
 - Absence of the light, lack of power...
- **Transferred us** – methistemi – translated (aor)
 - 5x – to remove or turn away 1Corinthians 13:2
 - basileia of His Son, relationship, not just power!
- **In Him: (only!!)**
 - Redemption *apolutrosis*, release by ransom
 - Forgiveness *aphesis*, release from bondage
- How shall we then live???