

# The Believer's Walk in Christ

A 30-Minute Bible Study • Colossians 1:9–14

## THE TEXT — COLOSSIANS 1:9–14 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

<sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

<sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

<sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

<sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## FOUR MARKS OF A WORTHY WALK

v. 9

### Knowledge & Wisdom

Being filled with the knowledge of God's will through spiritual wisdom and understanding

v. 10

### Fruit & Growth

Walking worthily, bearing fruit in good works, and growing in knowledge of God

v. 11

### Strength & Endurance

Strengthened by God's glorious might for patient endurance with joy

vv. 12–14

### Gratitude & Rescue

Thanksgiving rooted in God's qualification, deliverance, and transfer into His kingdom

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Mark 1 — Knowledge and Wisdom (v. 9)

1. Paul prays they be "filled" with knowledge of God's will. What does it mean to be filled — not just informed — with God's will?

2. What is the difference between spiritual wisdom and academic Bible knowledge? How do we grow in the former?

### Mark 2 — Bearing Fruit and Growing (v. 10)

3. Paul connects walking worthily with "bearing fruit in every good work." Why is outward fruit evidence — not the source — of a worthy walk?

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4. How does deepening knowledge of who God is produce real-life change in us?

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### Mark 3 — Strengthened for Endurance (v. 11)

5. The power here is "for endurance and patience with joy" — not power to escape hardship. What does this tell us about how God's strength works?

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6. Where do you need patient endurance right now? How might seeing hardship as a context for God's power change how you face it?

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### Mark 4 — Gratitude Rooted in What God Has Done (vv. 12–14)

7. Paul grounds gratitude in three acts of God: qualification, deliverance, and transfer. How does remembering what God has already done fuel a thankful walk?

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8. Verse 13 says we have been "transferred" to Christ's kingdom — past tense. How does this settled identity shape how you walk today?

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## KEY OBSERVATION

Notice that Paul's prayer moves from the **inner** (knowledge, wisdom) → to the **outward** (fruit, good works) → to the **sustaining** (strength, endurance) → to the **foundation** (what God has already done). The walk flows from what is already true, not from effort alone.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Father, fill us with the knowledge of your will. Let that knowledge produce a walk worthy of you — fruit in our work, growth in knowing you, strength to endure with joy, and a heart overflowing with thanks because you have qualified, delivered, and transferred us into your Son's kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.