

# So that...

Prayers For Abundant Life

Colossians 1:3-14 | January 22, 2023

## PAUL'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Colossians 1:3-6 *We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people - <sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world - just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.*

## PAUL'S PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING

Colossians 1:9 *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.*

Paul prays that they will \_\_\_\_\_ God's person and ways.

Colossians 2:2-8 *My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments... See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.*

## PAUL'S PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL VITALITY

Colossians 1:10-12 *SO THAT you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father.*

Paul prays that they will \_\_\_\_\_ according to God's person and ways.

1. Bearing \_\_\_\_\_ in every good work.
2. Growing in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
3. Being strengthened with \_\_\_\_\_ for endurance and patience.
4. Giving joyful \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Colossians 1:12-14 *And giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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