

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

(3) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the Gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing --- as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

(9) 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, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: [a] bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; [b] being strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; [c] giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

(13) He has delivered 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!

Note: Colosse was a prosperous city on the East-West highway between Ephesus and the Euphrates River, being located in the Lycas Valley about 11 miles from Laodicea --- 100 miles east of Ephesus on the Mediterranean coast of modern-day Turkey. The city declined when the highway was rerouted in the 700s A.D., and then it was destroyed by the Turks in the 1100s A.D. It was not rebuilt.

Think on these things:

- 1) V.4 confirms a truth about Paul and Colosse: he's never been there personally. It was never recorded as a stop on any of his missionary journeys. What two things had he heard about them? Where do these two things come from (v.5)

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- 2) How does Paul describe the Gospel in v.5? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) What does he say is happening as the Gospel is being shared "all over the world," just as he perceives it happening in Colosse?

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- 4) Quickly check out Colossians 4:12. Who, in v.7, brought the Gospel to the Colossians, and where is he from? How does Paul refer to him?

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5) According to v.9, what was Paul steadily praying for on behalf of the Colossians?

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6) From v.10, what 2 reasons does Paul give for praying for them about this? The second reason is confirmed in loving obedience. What would the first reason look like in your life?

Two reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

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In me...? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) Paul describes three “progress” developments for believers related to pleasing God in vs. 10-11a (denoted in the scripture above as [a], [b], and [c]). What “pleases” the Lord? Which of these could be a focus for you to work on?

Progress [a] - \_\_\_\_\_

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Progress [b] - \_\_\_\_\_

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Progress [c] - \_\_\_\_\_

For my focus? \_\_\_\_\_

8) What has God delivered us from (v.13) to bring us into the Kingdom of His Son (Ephesians 6:12)?

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9) How is God’s redemption in Jesus described in v.14? Did you need this to be right with God?

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People and situations I want to pray for this week: