

All true blessing flows from the Father's grace in His beloved Son.

A PRAYER FOR A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD

Let us pray that they may know, walk, and abound in the Lord.

Knowledge • Fruitfulness • Strength • Thanksgiving • Redemption

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

The foundation of our life with God is what He has done for us in Christ.

Salvation is not merely moral improvement; it is divine rescue, transfer, pardon, and inheritance in Christ.

1 FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL (v. 9a)

- Knowledge received, not autonomously discovered
- God makes His will known through His Word
- The mind brought under divine revelation
- To be filled: pervasive, governing knowledge

True Christian knowledge begins with God's gracious self-revelation.

8 THE FATHER HAS QUALIFIED US (vv. 12-14)

QUALIFIED	DELIVERED	TRANSFERRED	REDEEMED
INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN LIGHT • Fitness for glory is granted by the Father • Not earned through personal merit	FROM THE DOMAIN OF DARKNESS • Liberation from guilt, bondage, and Satan's dominion • A decisive act of divine rescue	TO THE KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON • A completed change of realm and lordship • From Adam's fallen domain into Christ's kingdom	IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS • Redemption is found in Christ alone • Forgiveness through His saving work • Present possession: "we have redemption"

2 IN ALL SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING (v. 9b)

- Wisdom applies revealed truth
- Understanding discerns what pleases the Lord
- Spiritual wisdom is produced by the Holy Spirit
- Doctrine directs life

Illumination does not replace Scripture; it enables us to understand and apply it.

3 WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD (v. 10a)

- A life corresponding to the gospel
- Obedience as fruit, never the ground of acceptance
- Conduct shaped by union with Christ
- A worthy walk reflects the worth of the Lord

GRACE → UNION WITH CHRIST → RENEWED WALK

THE KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON

4 FULLY PLEASING TO HIM (v. 10b)

- The renewed desire to honor God
- Whole-life consecration
- Not sinless perfection, but sincere evangelical obedience
- Accepted in Christ, therefore seeking to please the Father

The believer's obedience is pleasing only through the mediation and righteousness of Christ.

5 BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK (v. 10c)

INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD → FRUITFUL WALK → DEEPER KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

- Good works are the necessary fruit of salvation
- Fruit reveals life but does not create it
- Knowledge and obedience grow together
- Every good work flows from communion with Christ

The root is grace; the fruit is grateful obedience.

7 THE FLOW OF PAUL'S PRAYER (vv. 9-11) (v. 11c)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL	WISDOM & UNDERSTANDING	WALK WORTHY	PLEASING TO HIM	FRUITFUL & GROWING	STRENGTH FROM HIM	ENDURANCE, JOY & THANKS

ALL FLOW FROM WHAT THE FATHER HAS DONE FOR US IN CHRIST (vv. 12-14)

7 ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE WITH JOY (v. 11c)

GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER (v. 12a)

- Endurance under difficult circumstances
- Patience with difficult people
- Difficult people
- Joy sustained by promised glory
- Thanksgiving as the atmosphere of Christian perseverance

Gospel strength does not merely endure; it endures with joy and gratitude.

6 STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER (v. 11a)

ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS MIGHT

- The measure is God's glorious might
- Divine strength supplied to human weakness
- Power for faithfulness rather than self-exaltation
- Sustaining grace from the risen King

The Christian life is sustained by the same divine power that called us from darkness.

SAVING GRACE IS THE FOUNDATION • A WORTHY WALK IS THE FRUIT • THE GLORY OF GOD IS THE END

INDICATIVE OF GRACE → IMPERATIVE OF GRATITUDE

All begins with what God has done; all grows in what we become in Him; all ends in His glory.

To Him be glory now and forever through Jesus Christ. Amen.