



The Preeminence of Christ

Colossians



Paul's Prayer for the Church

Col. 1:9-14

October 21st, 2020

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1. Petition for the believers (9-10b)
2. Practice of the believers (10c-14)

Petition for the believers

Petition for Knowledge (9-10b)

1. Content – Knowledge of God's will (9c)

1. Decretive will – Sovereign will of God
2. Perceptive will – Revealed will of God

2. Consequences

1. Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord (10a)
2. Please Him in all respects (10b)

Practice of the believers

1. Fruitful (10c)
2. Knowledgeable (10d)
3. Strong (11)
4. Thankful (12-14)

Practice of the believers

1. Fruitful (10c)

1. Evangelism (1 Cor. 16:15)
2. Worship (Heb. 13:15)
3. Godly Living (Heb. 12:11)
4. Holy Attitudes (Gal. 5:22-23)

Practice of the believers

1. Fruitful (10c)

2. Knowledgeable (10d)

1. Increasing in the knowledge of God

2. Study God's names and his attributes (Dan. 11:32b; Phil. 3:8-10; Is. 42:8-9; Is. 40)

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“Before our salvation, we were dominated by the evil world system; its wicked ruler, Satan; and our own fallen, sinful, human natures. We were Christless, stateless, covenant less, hopeless, godless. Our minds were given to futility; our understanding was darkened. We were cut off from the life of God, ignorant, hardhearted, callous, immoral, impure, and greedy. The only thing we were qualified to receive from God was His wrath. And that is what we would have received, if not for God’s mercy toward us. God has by grace qualified the unqualified to share in the inheritance.”

Practice of the believers

1. Fruitful (10c)
2. Knowledgeable (10d)
3. Strong (11)
4. Thankful (12-14)
 1. God has qualified us (12)
 2. God has rescued us (13)
 1. We are redeemed (14a)
 2. We are forgiven (14b)

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