



Sermon Series: Jesus, Our All In All
Sermon Title: Paul's Prayer and Praise
Scripture: Colossians 1:9-14

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INTRODUCTION

I am praying for you...

Romans 1:9-10a -

Ephesians 1:15-16 -

1 Thessalonians 1:2 -

2 Thessalonians 1:11a -

Philemon 4 -

Please pray for me...

Romans 15:30 -

Ephesians 6:18b-19 -

1 Thessalonians 5:25 -

2 Thessalonians 3:1 -

Philemon 22 -

I. PRAYER FOR BELIEVERS...

A. Pray to be filled (and continually increasing) in the knowledge of God and His will.

Colossians 1:9; Ephesians 5:18; Romans 12:2 -

"We understand the will of God through the Word of God." (Warren Wiersbe)

B. Pray to see an abundance of growth, fruit, knowledge, strength, perseverance, and joy.

Colossians 1:10-11; James 4:2 -

1) We will walk daily in a God-glorifying, God-exalting kind of way.

"Every Bible should be bound in shoe leather." (D. L. Moody)

A worthy walk is a walk of humility, gentleness, and patience. (Ephesians 4:1-3)

A worthy walk is a walk of purity. (Romans 13:13)

A worthy walk is a walk that is content with God's provision. (1 Corinthians 7:17)

A worthy walk is a walk eager to do good works. (Ephesians 2:10)

A worthy walk is a walk that looks different from the world. (Ephesians 4:17-32)

A worthy walk is a walk that follows and imitates Christ's love. (Ephesians 5:2)

A worthy walk is done not in the shadows but in the light. (Ephesians 5:8)

A worthy walk loves and embraces God's wisdom. (Ephesians 5:15)

A worthy walk loves and submits to truth. (3 John 3-4)

2) We will bear fruit that evidences the fact that we are “in Christ”.

John 15:5 -

3) We will be continually growing and increasing in our knowledge of God.

John 17:3 -

4) We will do all this according to God’s generous and abundant power.

Colossians 1:29; 2 Corinthians 12:10 -

5) We will joyfully endure trials and show patience to others.

James 1:2-4 -

II. PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD...

Colossians 1:12-14 -

1) God has qualified us for an eternal, glorious inheritance.

2) God has delivered us from a death-like existence in the domain of darkness.

3) God has transferred us into the Kingdom of Christ (His beloved Son) where we live as redeemed and forgiven children of God.

Take Home Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why did Paul pray so much and emphasize prayer in his letters?
2. What does it mean to be “filled” with the knowledge of God and His will?
3. What does it mean to “walk in a manner worthy of the Lord”? What does that look like?
4. Why can we endure difficult situations and show patience to others joyfully?
5. According to verses 12-14, why should we give thanks to the Father? What has He done for us?