

Calvary Chapel of El Cajon Women's Bible Studies

COLOSSIANS 1:9-12

Lesson 2

REVIEW:

If someone asked you what you learned or gained from last week's study of Colossians 1:1-8, what would your answer be?

FIRST DAY:

Read and study Colossians 1:9-12 inductively. See last page.

SECOND DAY: Read Colossians 1:9

1. Paul wrote that he did not *cease to pray* for those in the church at Colosse. From Colossians 1:3-8, what did Paul and Timothy *hear* that pressed them to prayer?
 - a. How is this an example for you?

2. What was Paul's *desire* for them?
 - a. The *knowledge of God's will* stands in sharp contrast with the knowledge the false teachers were espousing. Why is the *knowledge of God's will* absolutely essential in the life of all Christians?

 - b. How can we determine the will of God?

3. Notice the word *filled* in Colossians 1:9. This New Testament usage of the word *filled* suggests to be controlled by. How would this *knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual understanding* protect the Colossian believers from the errors of the heretics?

4. Someone has paraphrased this prayer with these words: "We pray that you might have the knowledge of God's will and the wisdom and ability to carry it out." To know God's will but not have the *wisdom*, good sense, and *understanding* to act upon it would be grievous. In what way does Colossians 1:9b increase your desire to have an on-going knowledge of God's will?

THIRD DAY: Read Colossians 1:10

1. Write the three prayer requests for these believers from Colossians 1:10. Use other versions if you desire.

2. The word *walk* refers to our conduct; the way we live as Christians. What insights do you gain from the following verses on the word *walk*:
 - a. Romans 6:4c

 - b. Ephesians 4:1-3,17(18,19)

 - c. Colossians 2:6

 - d. 1 Thessalonians 2:12;4:1

3. How will our *walk* determine our *fruitfulness*?
 - a. What difference will John 15:4,5 make in our bearing fruit?

4. What is your desire for your life in response to this verse? What are you going to do about it?

FOURTH DAY: Read Colossians 1:11

1. Focus on the word *strengthened* in Colossians 1:11. It denotes a continuous, steady supply of power. To what degree does Paul pray the believers will be *strengthened*?
 - a. What is the source of this *strengthening*?
 - 1.) Behold the word *glorious* by listing a few synonyms for it.
 - 2.) How does recognizing His *glorious power* strengthening you help you to live out Colossians 1:10?
2. In what two specific areas does Paul pray that this strengthening power will be experienced?

Challenge: What is the difference between *patience* and *longsuffering*?

- a. With the confusion that heresy brings into a church, how might relationships between believers become strained?
 - 1.) How does *longsuffering* bring resolution to the conflict between believers?
3. What is to be the companion of *patience* and *longsuffering*?
 - a. What is there about *joyfulness* that changes our perspective on difficulties and makes them more endurable (bearable)?
 - 1.) Share an example of this.

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VERSE

WHAT THE VERSE IS SAYING

- 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
- 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;
- 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Who:

When:

What:

Where:

Why:

How:

What does this passage mean?

How does it apply to you personally?