

“A Church that Prays for Wisdom”

Colossians 1:3-14



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A PRAYING CHURCH

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II. THE PURPOSE OF WISDOM

- ▶ Paul lists many of the results of growing in wisdom in our life in v. 10-11. Discuss what you think each means and looks like in real life.
 - “bear fruit”
 - “be strengthened with power”
 - “patience with joy”
 - “increase in the knowledge of God”
 - “endurance”
 - “giving thanks”
- ▶ Name 1-2 you really need right now and why? Include this in your prayer time.

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- ▶ From v. 4-6 and Prov. 9:10 (sidebar), where is the source of wisdom? If light of that, how would you say you can grow in wisdom?
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Wisdom = Skill in the art of godly living

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. - Prov. 9:10

For Prayer Time:

- ▶ That God fill you with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom
- ▶ For the 1-2 fruits of wisdom you most desire right now



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Scripture Passages Used:

Col. 1:3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, **4** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, **5** because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, **6** 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, **7** just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf **8** and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

Col. 1:9 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, **10** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; **12** 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, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Heb. 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

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Additional Thoughts for Leaders