



Paul's prayer for the church

Colossians 1:3-12

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What does Paul see in the Colossian church?

- Their faith in Christ Jesus
- Their love for the saints
- Their zeal and growth in Christ
- The source of their hope
- The word at work in their lives



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Paul's prayer:

“... that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,**” Col. 1:9-10

• Can I be worthy of God?

- Matthew 28: The guests who weren't worthy
- What is a “worthy” response? Luke 7:36-48
- The danger of a profane (unholy) influence, Heb. 12:16-17



Paul's prayer:

“... filled with the knowledge of his will, with all spiritual wisdom and understanding,” v. 9

- “Knowledge of His will”
necessary to walk worthy
- The greater my understanding,
the greater my appreciation
 - Appreciate who Jesus is, v. 15-20
 - Appreciate what Jesus has done, v. 21-23
 - 1 Cor. 6:19-20: “You have been bought with a price”



What does a worthy life look like?

“... fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God,” v. 10

• Worthiness doesn't serve halfway

- Jesus emphasized this, Luke 14:26-33, Luke 9:62
- David's offering, 2 Samuel 24:24
- There are no unproductive children of the kingdom of Heaven! 2 Peter 1:8, Ephesians 4:14-16



What does a worthy life look like?

“... May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience,” v. 11

• I am worthy through God's strength, not my own

- 2 Thes. 1:11-12 – “ ... fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith”
- God began the work (Phil. 1:6) through the gospel call, gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:6-8)
- God will sustain me (1 Peter 1:5), if I continue on (Col. 1:23)

What does a worthy life look like?

“... with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light,” v. 12

• Is work in Christ a burden?

- Philippians 3:4-10 – How important is God’s grace to us?
- Does the pearl-seeker sell everything by compulsion? Matt. 13:45 (1 Thes. 1:3)
- Phil. 2:16-18 – We see the hope of salvation in the fruit of our labor



Am I walking worthy of God

- My priorities
- My concerns
- My associations
- My goals
- My will



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2 Peter 1:1-4

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20

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