

# ***Paul's Prayer and Praise***

Scripture:

Colossians 1:9-14

**Colossians 1:9-14 (NKJV)** For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

## Introduction

It is always interesting to see what grows out of times or private prayer. Here is a passage that grows directly out of the great apostle's personal prayer life.

### I. A Prayer

**Colossians 1:9-11 (NKJV)** For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; {10} that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; {11} strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

- A. To know His will
  - 1. Endowed with wisdom
  - 2. Endowed with spiritual understanding
- B. Walking worthy of Him
- C. Fully pleasing Him
- D. Bearing fruit in every good work
- E. A growing relationship with God
- F. Strengthened with all might
  - 1. Walking in His power
  - 2. Possessing the attributes of patience, longsuffering, and joy

### II. A Praise / Thanksgiving

**Colossians 1:12-14 (NKJV)** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. {13} He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, {14} in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

- A. Qualified for an inheritance
- B. Delivered from Satan's power (Dominion, Authority)
  - 1849. **exousia**, ex-oo-see'-ah; from G1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. subj.) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (obj.) mastery (concr. magistrate, uperhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:--authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.
- C. Translated into the kingdom of the Son