

Introduction:

Today we will conclude our first section of our study *Introducing Colossians*.

Things we will look at in this lesson: Paul's Prayer of Intercession.

Paul's Prayer of Intercession:

01. Who are the 'we' that Paul is drawing attention to in his opening prayer?

02. What was Paul's prayer based on?

03. What is a distinguishing mark of Paul's authentic spiritual leadership?

04. What did Paul pray that God would fill the Colossians believers with?

05. What was the knowledge Paul prayed for centered in?

06. Where is the will of God found?

07. What is Paul's emphasis on?

08. What did Paul pray that the Colossian believers would honor the Lord by doing?

09. What should the Christian life be characterized by?

10. What did Paul want the church to express gratitude to their Heavenly Father for?

Note: Using Paul's intercession as a guide, we should pray that:

"For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."— Colossians 1:9–14

1. They fully understand God's will for their lives (1:9).
2. They honor and please the Lord in every way (1:10).
3. They continually bear good fruit (1:10).
4. They come to know God better every day (1:10).
5. The Lord empowers them to stand firm under pressure (1:11).
6. Their lives overflow with thanksgiving and joy (1:12–14).