

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; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Colossians 1:9-12

Paul and those with him prayed for the Colossian church. The requests he made for them should be considered by each one for in all points the focus was their understanding of the will of God and living according to His will. When we follow God we live the best life, the life God intended for our well-being.

Paul prayed:

- That they be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.
- That they walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him.
- That they would be fruitful in every good work.
- That they increased in the knowledge of God.
- That they be strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power.
- That in this they have patience and longsuffering with joy.
- That they give thanks to the Father.

This was Paul's desire for them, and these were God's blessings available to them. Spend some time reading the text over and over. Consider all that God provides.

They were to increase in the knowledge of God. Just think about that task. We as humans are trying to comprehend the excellence and glory of deity. We can see that God exists through the natural world, but we must have His revelation to know Him. Even through a lifetime of study we still are not able to fully understand His incomprehensibility. He is God! So, we are grateful that He has revealed Himself through scripture and through Jesus, His Son, Who is also deity. You can see more of this in Colossians one.

In Paul's day they did not have the new covenant in written form, but they were writing it. These writers were not just writing what they thought was good. They were guided by the Holy Spirit, Who is also deity. These are the words God selected for us to understand Him and His will for us. The Bible is the will of God and the new covenant is the authority for all men living today.

In the text we are considering, note the close of the text. God, the Father, "has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light." God has made this possible. Through Jesus that redemption is made possible because salvation is through Jesus and Jesus alone. There is a change we go through. In verse thirteen Paul said the saints were 'conveyed' or 'translated' from the powers of darkness to the kingdom of the Son of His love. Yes, all who are sanctified by the blood of Jesus are currently in the kingdom God promised through the prophets of the Old Testament. God is faithful.

Let us pray for one another in the same manner that Paul prayed for the Colossians!