

COLOSSIANS

Mature in Christ

A Pleasing Prayer

Colossians 1:9-14

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father in Heaven, you are perfect in your strength, you are good in your wisdom. You are to be praised and exalted for you have qualified your saints to share in your boundless eternal inheritance. You have delivered us from the domain of darkness and you have transferred us to your kingdom of light through the blood of Jesus Christ your beloved Son. Oh Father, fill us with knowledge of your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding that we might daily live in a manner worthy of Jesus Christ our Savior, fully pleasing to him. Grant us by your Spirit lives that are constantly bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May we be strengthened with all power, according to your glorious might, Lord, that we might endure in Christ with patience and joy instead of frustration and complaining. Cause us to live grateful lives, constantly giving thanks to the Father who is worthy of all honor and Jesus Christ worthy of all praise and worship. Would you do these things for your name's sake this morning as your Word is proclaimed may your Spirit come and lavish these spiritual blessings upon us: faith in Christ, love for the saints and hope for a heaven to come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord. Amen & Amen

OUTLINE

Paul's Prays for 3 Areas of progress:

1. Filled with Knowledge (v. 9)
2. Walk Worthy of Christ (vv. 10-12a)
3. Thankful to the Father (vv. 12-14)

Central Textual Truth

Paul prays that the Colossians be fully pleasing to Christ.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to pray for one another to be fully pleasing to Christ.