

“ARE YOU THANKFUL TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER?”

(Colossians 1:12-14)

I. AN INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. PRAYERS FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

A. Paul and Timothy were very grateful for fellow believers. (vv. 3-4)

B. They were very grateful for the Gospel of grace. (vv. 5-6)

C. They were very grateful for other faithful witnesses and teachers. (vv. 7-8)

D. Their prayers for these saints were constant and not superficial (vv. 9-11)

1. Their desire was that these Christians would be filled TO the BRIM with not just any knowledge, but specifically with “*the knowledge of HIS WILL.*” (v. 9)
2. The GOAL of a worthy walk is to PLEASE the Lord by being FRUITFUL in every good work, and INCREASING in the knowledge of God. (v. 10)
3. They also prayed that these believers would be STRENGTHENED with HIS MIGHT according to HIS glorious power. (v. 11a)
4. The desired result of gaining this knowledge of God’s will was for the Christian to have all PATIENCE, LONGSUFFERING, and with all JOY. (v. 11b)

E. Their praise to God for their blessings in Christ (vv. 12-14)

Paul and Timothy continued their prayer for these saints in Colossae...

1. The worthy walk of the believer is characterized by _____ thanksgiving to _____ the _____. (v. 12a)
2. The Father has “_____ us” which means we are now in a privileged position whereby His _____ are now made _____ to us believers. (v. 12b)
3. This “qualification” has also made us _____ of the eternal _____ of the saints. (v. 12c, cf. 1 Pet. 1:3-5)

4. As born-again believers in Christ we are _____ “*in the* _____” which cannot be changed. (v. 12d)

* Is there a difference when it comes to our position and our practical walk “*in the light*”? (Eph. 5:6-8; 1 John 1:5-10)

5. The Father has also _____ (aor./indic.) every Christian from the “*power of* _____.” (v. 13a, cf. Eph. 2:1-7)

6. Our great God has also _____ us (aor./indic.) from the “*power of darkness into the* _____ *of the Son of His love.*” (v. 13b)

7. Through Christ’s work we have been _____, purchased by His blood. (v. 14a)

8. The wonderful result of this redemption is the _____ of our _____. (v. 14b)

* How does all of this personally apply to you today?