

A Life Worthy of the King

Colossians 1:9-14

A Message to the Faithful and Growing

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing ... (Col. 1:3-6a)

There is no plateau in the Christian life – only _____ or _____.

The Non-Negotiable Catalyst of All Growth – _____ (v. 9a)

If Paul believed growth in Christlikeness could be produced by human effort alone, he would have written a _____.
Instead, he prayed.

_____ is our confession that we think we can live the Christian life without God.

A Mind Shaped by God (v. 9b)

Before Paul ever prayed about _____, he prayed about _____.
He understood that conduct always flows from _____, and conviction always springs from the *mind* God has renewed.

There is no route to verse 10 except through verse 9.

The unbreakable chain:

- No *epignōsis* (decisive, heart-gripping knowledge of God’s will) = no _____ for life.
- No *sophia* (Spirit-given wisdom) = no _____ to please Him.
- No *synēsis* (penetrating understanding) = no bridge from truth to _____.

The Goal of Life – Pleasing the Lord (vv. 10-12a)

Everything in this prayer builds toward that one aim – walking worthy of King Jesus.

What does it mean?

“Worthy” = _____. Your life matches the King you serve.

“Fully pleasing” = You live for _____, not man’s approval.

_____ in every good work

This is visible, practical, public Christianity.

_____ in the knowledge of God

Those who walk with God come to know Him more deeply.

_____ with all power

This is _____ power (Eph 1:19-20) for ordinary saints.

_____ to the Father

When you grasp all Christ has done – His death, His resurrection, His redemption – _____ becomes your natural response.

The Foundation – Everything Rests on What God Has Already Done (vv. 12b-14)

Every command in this passage rests on divine _____:

1. He _____ Us.
He has supplied in Christ all that is necessary for us to stand in the inheritance of the saints in light.
2. He _____ Us.
“Domain of darkness” means authority – complete rule and control.
God’s decisive act: He rescued you. Pulled you out from under enemy rule.
3. He _____ Us.
God didn’t just rescue us. He *relocated* us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

What we possess in His kingdom:

_____ = liberation by purchase.

_____ = total release from guilt.

Christ bought your freedom, forgave your sin, and now rules your life.

Living the Gospel Forward

Grace doesn’t ask you to _____ your standing. It _____ you to live from it.

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