



JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR



Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...



Colossians 1:9-14

....Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



1. The Request - Colossians 1:9



“asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will.”

“fill”- meaning to be filled to overflowing, engulfed, or overwhelmed.



If you are filled with the knowledge of God's will,
then you will want what God wants for your life.



A) God has a will (or desire) for your life.

B) But you also have a will (or desire) for your life.

C) When you pray “Your will be done,” you are asking that his will take precedence over your will.



Every day I pray this simple prayer,
'Not my will Lord, by your will be done.'



Wendell Berry

Often I have not known where I was going until I was already there. I have had my share of desires and goals, but my life has come to me or I have gone to it mainly by way of mistakes and surprises. Often, I have received better than I deserved.



Wendell Berry

Often my faintest hopes have rested on bad mistakes. I am an ignorant pilgrim, crossing a dark valley. And yet for a long time, looking back, I have been unable to shake off the feeling that I have been led—make of that what you will.



Ecclesiastes 5:19

Contentment is not just knowing there's food and drink and work. No, it's eating, drinking and toiling. It's taking what you have and making the most of it. It's not a passive satisfaction; it's an active one.



2. The Purpose - Colossians 1:10



And we pray this in order that you
may live a life worthy of the Lord
and may please him in every way.

“worthy” - heaviness or weightiness



When we want what God wants, when we surrender our will and our agenda, when his purposes become our purposes, then our lives will be dramatically changed, and we will find purpose and meaning in everything that happens to us.



Life becomes an adventure with God every day. When that happens, our lives become joyful, visibly different, and eternally significant. And God is pleased with us.



3. The Results - Colossians 1:10b-14



- A) First, we will have a life that bears fruit (v. 10b)**
- B) Second, we will have a life that grows in the knowledge of God (v. 10c)**
- C) Third, we will have a life that endures in hard times (v. 11)**
- D) Fourth, we will have a life that gives thanks continually (v. 12-14)**



**Don't ask yourself what the world needs.
Ask yourself what makes you come alive,
and go do that, because what the world
needs is people who have come alive.**



