

# Praying With Paul

#4 ~ Colossians 1:3-14 ~ *Knowing God's Will*

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## **Colossians 1:3-14**

*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—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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## **Do you know God's will for you?**

### **Do you WANT to know God's will? Why?**

- to do the 'right' thing
- guidance
- doubt
- fear
  - walking in fear vs. walking by faith
  - 'guidance' vs. 'judgment' (Eg. Daniel 5)

### **Thankfulness... yet again comes first!**

- their faith
- their love
- their hope
  - *faith comes from hearing...*
  - *love... comes through faith*

**Paul's prayer**

- that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will...
  - o in all spiritual wisdom and understanding
  
- SO AS TO...
  - o walk in a manner worthy of the Lord
  - o fully pleasing to him
    - What does this look like?
      - bearing fruit in every good work
      - increasing in the knowledge of God
  
- Be strengthened with all power... according to his glorious might
  - o WITH all endurance and patience...
    - faith, hope and love will be contested
    - pray for endurance, not avoidance
  
- WITH joy...
  - o AND giving thanks...
  
- BECAUSE...
  - o we have been RESCUED
  - o we have been TRANSFERRED
  - o we have been ADOPTED
    - we have redemption... the forgiveness of sins!

**God's GPS for your life...**

- G.....
  
- P.....
  
- S.....