

THIS IS THE GOSPEL!

Colossians 1:9–14

By Aaron



9 So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you.

We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Praying as means of growth

 Understanding God's will is a key to successful living

 Wisdom and understanding in the things of God and his kingdom





10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit.

All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

- There is a way that pleases and honors God
- Our lives are soil which produces fruit.
- There is a simultaneous act of growing and knowing.





11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need.

May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father.

- Allowing God's weight and majesty to strengthen us
- It is to help us run our race to the end
- Joy precedes and proceeds maturity





He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light.

• We are partakers in a great gift!

- What is the inheritance?
- What is the significance of light?





13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,

- There are two kingdoms at war with each other
- Paul introduces an issue bigger than them
- Paul is summing up the process of salvation





14 who purchased our freedom[d] and forgave our sins.

- Jesus the redeemer
- What were we a slave to and what are we free to do?
- All have sinned and fallen short

