

## Colossians 1:9-14

Paul's Prayer For The Colossians

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### Applications:

➤ We too should be thankful for the salvation of the saints. (John 13:34-35; 1 John 5:1)

Romans 9:22-23 NKJV What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power **known**, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make **known** the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory...

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
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### Formal Versus Instrumental Cause

- Formal Cause = The originator of idea or plan
- Instrumental Cause = Means which agent uses to carry out plan

	"Salvation" Elect	"Damnation" Reprobate
Formal Cause:	God	God
Instrumental Cause:	God's Grace Eph. 2:8-9	Man's Sin James 1:13-14

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Colossians 1:9-14 Outline

Verse 9           **Petition** “you may be filled”

Verse 10a       **Reason** “so that...walk worthily”

Verses 10b-12a **How**   “4 adverbial participles”

Verses 12b -14 **Why**   “has qualified us...”  
“for He rescued us...”

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Paul Prays For The Elect At Colossae

Colossians 1:9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...

1. subjunctive = purpose result clause: Indicates both intention and certainty of accomplishment.
2. passive = God is the agent doing the filling.
3. “fullness” a concept that appears in 1:19, 24, 25; 2:2,3,9,10; 4:12, 17. Heretics claimed Christians needed “more” (i.e.. angels)

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- ❖ Spiritual = emphatic adjective stating that both the wisdom and understanding is on the “spiritual level.”
- ❖ This “spiritual wisdom and understanding” is contrasted with the heretics’ counterfeit “philosophy” Col. 2:8, and “appearance of wisdom” Col. 2:23.

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### The Purpose of Paul's Prayer

Colossians 1:10 so that you **will walk** in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

❖ Contrast:

Col. 1:21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds.

Col. 3:7 and in them (evil deeds) you also **once walked**, when you were living in them

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### The Purpose of Paul's Prayer

Colossians 1:11-12a strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father...

active	A. Bearing fruit
passive	B. Increasing in knowledge
passive	B. Strengthened in power
active	A. Giving thanks

Read: Philippians 2:12-13

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### Jesus Has Rescued Us!

Colossians 12:b-14 who (Father) has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in **Light**. For He rescued us from the domain of **darkness**, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

❖ Inheritance of the saints: Gen. 13:14-17, Num. 26: 52-56

❖ Rescued from domain of darkness: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 3:3-4

❖ Redemption: Purchasing back what was lost

❖ Forgiveness of sins: Propitiation/Expiation

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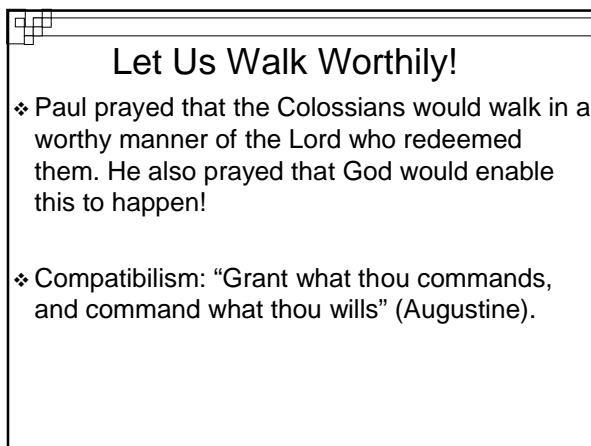
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## Let Us Walk Worthily!

- ❖ Paul prayed that the Colossians would walk in a worthy manner of the Lord who redeemed them. He also prayed that God would enable this to happen!

- ❖ Compatibilism: “Grant what thou commands, and command what thou wills” (Augustine).

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