

# *Christ Over All*

## *A study in Colossians*

Paul's Prayer List  
Colossians 1:9-12  
April 21, 2024

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you... - Colossians 1:9

### I. A PRAYER WITHOUT CEASING

- Since the time Paul (and his companions) heard of the church in Colossae, they have been praying for them (Vs. 9; Eph. 1:15-22).
- Here is Paul's prayer list:
  1. That the Colossians might be filled with knowledge of God's will (combined with spiritual wisdom and understanding, that they may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord).
  2. That they will bear fruit in their works and increase in knowledge.
  3. They will grow strong in the power of God leading to joy, endurance, and patience.
  4. He gives thanks to God for the Colossians, and for all that God has done through Christ on their behalf.

### II. PUTTING PRAYER TO ACTION

- Paul's prayer is ultimately good words said before a good God unless those prayers become action (James 1:22-25).
- Paul's prayer + action = Christian maturity (Eph. 4:11-16).
- Strive to put this laundry list of Christian traits to action in your life. All of them build upon each other. All are foundational to a long obedience in the same direction.

**KNOW:** The Apostle Paul was a praying apostle. He did not simply talk about the gospel. He prayed that people would receive it and for those who had received it.

**DO:** Put Paul's prayer to work in your life. Pray accordingly.

#### Suggested Reading:

*Praying with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation* by D.A. Carson  
(Available in the LifePoint Library)

*A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* by Eugene Peterson (Available in the LifePoint Library)

#### For Children:

*This is What I Pray Today* by Phyllis Tickle (Available in the LifePoint Library).

**NEXT WEEK'S PREACHING TEXT:** Colossians 1:13-14

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### **Please Read Colossians 1:9-12**

1. What is the overall theme of this passage?
2. Why are Paul and his companions praying?
3. What does Paul want for the Colossian believers? Would he want this for us if he were writing to believers at LifePoint? (hint: He is writing to believers at LifePoint).
4. How can we pray like Paul?
5. How can we put Paul's prayer into action in our own lives? What steps should we take?
6. How will you apply this passage to your own life?