



A LIFE-CHANGING PRAYER

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Love needs to be expressed and the greatest expression of God's love is Jesus. The book of Colossians starts by talking about believing in Jesus.

Colossae was a city in a Roman province called Asia Minor, with a mostly Gentile non-Jewish population. The Colossian church faced many problems:

1. Some taught that Jesus never took on a human body. He is only a spirit, deemphasizing the body.
2. Being a Roman colony, Jesus became an addition to the many gods they worshipped and believed in.
3. The Jewish sector said salvation through faith in Jesus is not enough. One still needs to obey the law or get circumcised.

Some of these are similar to what we're facing today. All the more we need to seek out life-changing prayer, as written in Colossians 1:1-14.

THANK YOU FOR JESUS!

Paul begins by establishing that his authority is not his own, it is given by Jesus (v.1). He is an "apostle" or a messenger writing to the "saints" — those who are set apart from the world (v.2). Colossians 1 cites many reasons for us to thank Jesus (vv.3-8):

- **Faith and love.** The word 'believe' in the New Testament is the same word as 'faith' (John 5:24). To "believe" means to entrust ourselves fully to Jesus. We learn to love through His example and because we experience the love of Jesus (1 John 4:20-21).
- **The hope of heaven.** The most important citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20), and our conduct must match our citizenship as we look forward to our eternal home.
- **The Gospel.** Jesus died for our sins, and on the third day, he rose again (1 Corinthians 15:1-4.).
- **The grace of God.** "Grace" means gift, blessing, the Lord's favor—freely extended to give Himself away to people (Ephesians 2:8-9). Our salvation could never be through good works. It has to be by grace so that no one can boast.
- **Those who share the Gospel.** Like Paul, we can also take part in preaching the good news (Romans 10:15).

HELP ME KNOW JESUS!

The second part of the prayer is to "help me know Jesus... I want to know him more. I need him." Today, we pray (vv.9-11):

- **To know God's will.** If you dive into the Word of God, you will

definitely know the will of God. There are many examples of the clear will of God in the Bible, such as being filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), loving one another (John 13:34-35), and making disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)

- **For spiritual wisdom and understanding.** When we follow our own wisdom and don't ask God for wisdom (James 1:5), we are forfeiting the opportunity to have God's wisdom guide our life.
- **To walk worthily before the Lord.** "Worthy" means suitable, matches actual value. The walk matches the talk (Ephesians 4:1). "Calling" means an invitation. We are children of the living God. We should be behaving differently not to earn that position but because of whom we belong to.
- **To be pleasing to God.** "Ambition" is to strive eagerly to honor Our greatest ambition should be to please God (2 Corinthians 5:9).
- **To be fruitful.** The secret to fruitfulness is to abide in Jesus (John 15:4-5), or to stay connected with Him.
- **To know God even more.** The true way to 'know' is through personal experience and intimacy. Jesus alone can save us (John 17:3).
- **For strength, steadfastness, patience, joy.** Find your strength in Jesus (Psalm 73:26). It is God's will that we be filled with the Holy Spirit because it's only through Him that we can experience joy and patience (Galatians 5:22).

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR JESUS!

Paul ends with another round of thanksgiving. Today, we give thanks for (vv.12-14):

- **Having been qualified as saints.** "Qualified" means to be sufficient, and it has everything to do with what Jesus did. When we put our faith in Jesus, He imputes His perfect divine righteousness into our desperately empty spiritual bank account, thus making us become righteous and holy before God.
- **Having been rescued from darkness and transferred to God's kingdom.** We are in complete spiritual darkness, but Jesus takes us out one by one. That is how precious we are in His eyes. We don't deserve it, but He loves us just the same.
- **Redemption and forgiveness.** No person, organization, or religion can ever give us what Jesus offers. Only Jesus paid for our sins on the cross.

Jesus is the expression of God's love, and just by going through Colossians 1, you'll see that there is so much to be thankful for.

last week's memory verse

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.

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

discuss this message

Which of the blessings in Colossians 1:1-8,12-14 are you most grateful for today and why?

Which of the petitions in Colossians 1:9-11 are the ones you need most today and why?

Who will you tell about Jesus (the Expression of God's love) this week?

Bonus: Pray through the entire Colossians 1:1-14 as your personal prayer or as a group.

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God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13



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