

Praying the Powerful Prayers of Paul

Colossians 1:9-14

A Prayer to be Filled With the
Knowledge of His Will

Part 5

Overview of Prayer

- Since the day Paul heard of their love in the Spirit in verse 8 he did not cease to pray for the Colossians that they might:
 - be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding
 - walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing
 - be fruitful in every good work
 - increasing in the knowledge of God
 - strengthened with all might according to his glorious power unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness
 - giving thanks unto the father

Strengthened With All Might

- Strengthened—simply means to be made strong.
- Might—simply means power or strength.
 - Romans 1:16—power of God unto salvation
 - II Corinthians 1:8—above strength
 - Galatians 3:5—worketh miracles among you
- We have already learned about this “might” during pervious messages in this series:
 - Ephesians 1:16-20
 - Ephesians 1:21
 - Ephesians 3:16
 - Ephesians 3:20

Strengthened With All Might

- In Ephesians 1 we learn that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is demonstrated to us-ward who believe. In Ephesians 3 we learn that this strengthening with might comes by the Holy Spirit to empower our inner man.
- Remember what we learned last week.
 - Colossians 2:6—by grace through faith
 - Galatians 2:20—its not I its Christ.
 - Ephesians 1:10—we are his workmanship

Unto All Patience and Longsuffering

- Patience--steadfastness, constancy, endurance
- Longsuffering--Bearing injuries or provocation for a long time; patient; not easily provoked.
- II Corinthians 12:7-10
- Romans 8:21-25
- Romans 8:26-27
- Romans 8:35-37
- I Corinthians 10:13
- Romans 5:1-4
- II Corinthians 4:17-18

Paul's Example

- Philippians 4:11
- Philippians 4:12
- Philippians 4:14-18
- II Corinthians 8:1-8
- Philippians 4:19

With Joyfulness

- We can joyfully suffer long with patience because we know that our light afflictions are working a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.
- We are at peace with God.
- Our trials and temptations are common to man.
- Our weaknesses, distresses, infirmities, are opportunities for the power of God to be made manifest in our mortal flesh as a testimony to the world around us of the power and love of God.