GROWING DEEPER



A STUDY OF COLOSSIANS

READING

Read:

Colossians 1:3-14

REFLECTION

- Paul thanked God for the Colossians' faith in Christ and their love for all the saints. How is your faith in Christ producing visible love for others?
- Paul celebrated the hope laid up in heaven that sustained believers through hardship. Where are you tempted to place your hope in temporary things rather than in the eternal promises of God? How would your gratitude change if your hope were fully centered on Christ?
- Paul prayed that the church would walk worthy of the Lord and live as citizens
 of Christ's Kingdom. What fruit of spiritual growth is most evident in your life
 right now, and where might God be inviting you to grow in bearing "good
 works" that reflect His Kingdom?

PRAYER

May my life be so firmly rooted in my allegiance to Christ that Your love is clearly seen in me. Draw my eyes continually to the living hope that is found only in You. Remind me daily that I no longer walk in darkness but belong to the glorious Kingdom of Your beloved Son. Strengthen me to live in that truth with gratitude and joy. In Jesus' powerful name, Amen.

PREPARE

Over the next month, please read Colossians 1:15-20 several times. Take note of how Paul describes Christ and the impact it can have in your life.