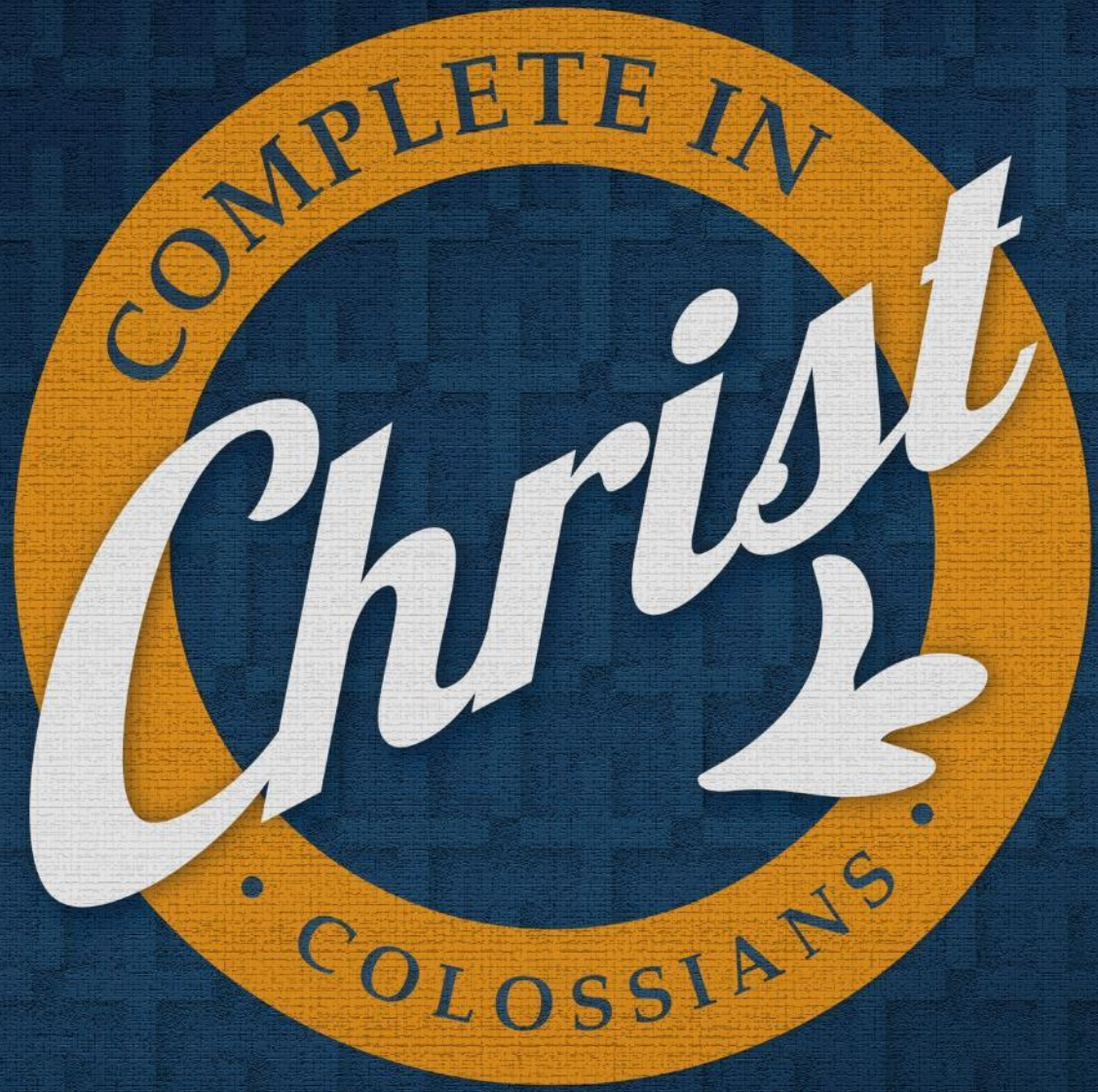
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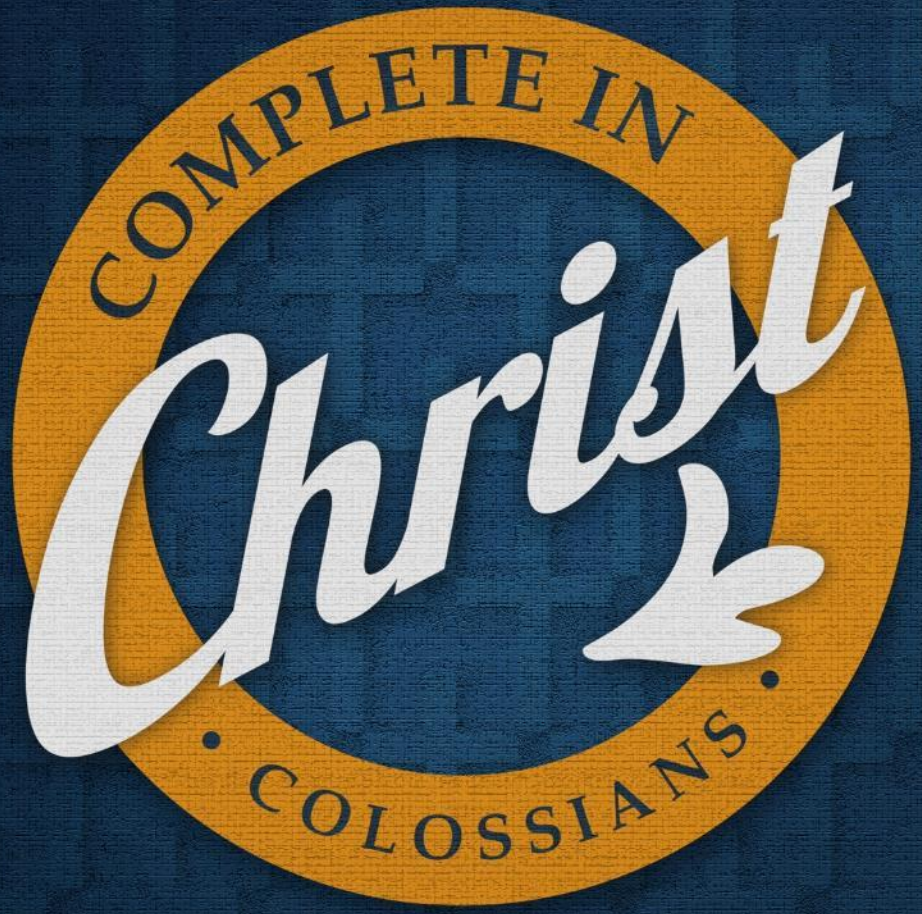


What Paul Prays For:

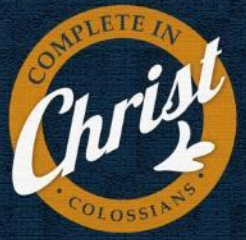
Wisdom and Power to Persevere

Colossians 1:9-14

Summary of Colossians

- First half: Complete in Christ our Lord (chapters 1-2)

- Second Half: Complete in Christ our Life (chapters 3-4)



Colossians 1:3-8

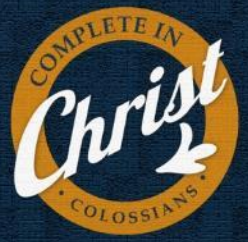
Thanks

To God

Prayer

For You

We give thanks to God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
praying always for **you**,
since we heard of **your** faith in Christ Jesus
and the love which **you** have for all the saints; because
of the hope laid up for **you** in heaven,
of which **you** previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel
which has come to **you**,
just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing,
even as *it has been doing* in **you** also since the day
you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth;
just as **you** learned *it* from Epaphras,
our beloved fellow bond-servant,
who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,
and he also informed us of **your** love in the Spirit.



Paul's Prayer pt. 2

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

Paul's Prayer pt. 2

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

That you may be Filled…

- Knowledge of His Will
- Spiritual Wisdom
- Spiritual Understanding

That you may Walk…

- Worthy of the Lord
- Fully Pleasing Him
- Being Fruitful
- Strengthened with all might
  - According to His Glorious Power
  - For…

… All Patience and Longsuffering

- We know the Christian life will and should be difficult
- God has not called a single Christian to a life of ease

- What brings God the Glory?

Paul's Prayer pt. 2

Joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Partakers of the Inheritance

- Qualified by the Father
- Delivered from the power of darkness
- Now part of the Kingdom of His Son

- What brings God the Glory? His Son

Colossians as a Whole

- First half: Complete in Christ our Lord (chapters 1-2)
- Second Half: Complete in Christ our Life (chapters 3-4)
- Reoccurring words: knowledge, wisdom, walk, power/strength, persevere…