

COLOSSIANS

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Review of Background

- Occasion: False teachers have promised ritual ways to experience God’s presence and blessing (mysticism/legalism). Paul’s correction in the letter is that those who have trusted in Jesus can already experience the fullness of God’s presence through what has been provided already for the believer in Jesus.
- Theme verse: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” (Colossians 2:9-10)
- Theme of the Class: Life in our Supreme & Sufficient Savior

Class Outline

- Part 1: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Thinking (1-3:4)
- Part 2: The Preeminence of Christ in Christian Living (3:5-4:6)

Lesson 2 – Colossians 1:9-14

Walk in the will of the Father by growing in the knowledge of God!

- I. Paul asked for the readers to have knowledge of God's will (9).
- II. Paul requests knowledge for the purpose of walking worthy (10a-14).
 - A. Being fruitful in every good work (10b).
 - B. Increasing in the knowledge of God (10c).
 - C. Being strengthened with all might (11).
 - D. Giving thanks to the Father (12-14).
 - i. The Father has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light (12).
 - ii. The Father has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness (13a).
 - iii. The Father has instated us as citizens of the kingdom of the Son of His love (13b).
 - iv. The Father has redeemed us through the blood of Jesus – forgiving our sins (14).

Application

- Pray for each other to grow. Pray that we would grow.
- Pursue knowing and delighting in God in His Word.
- Devote ourselves to knowing and practicing God's will.
- Seek a walk that is worthy and pleasing to the Lord.
 - Bearing the fruit of the Spirit.
 - Increasing in our knowledge of God.
 - Being strengthened by God's glorious power to be patient with joy.
 - Giving thanks to God for His awesome works.
- Remember God's judicial works for us in Jesus.