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Colossians 1:9-14 ¹

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Overall Understanding

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⁹ 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;

For this reason, is referring to what Paul and his companions had heard about the Colossians' faith toward God and love for all the saints, which are the two commands of Christ (1 Jn. 2:23). Unlike the Galatians for whom he expressed sincere doubts about their beliefs and behavior, Paul felt good about how the Colossians were doing. For this reason, he prayed that they would know the will of God is 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:

Walk in a way that reflects what God has done in you. This pleases God and brings fruitfulness. He prayed that this knowledge would

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increase. He didn't pray that they would know God "more." Rather, that their knowledge about God would come to a fulness.

¹¹strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

Paul prays for them to be strengthened in the glorious power of God with patience and joy.

¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹

We give thanks to God because HE is the one who qualified us to partake of this inheritance which He gave us by making us His sons. We are saints. We don't become saints by living like saints. We live like saints, holy ones, because we are saints. We are holy. (See Hebrews 10.)

³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Before putting our faith in Christ, we were bound by the power of darkness. We have been removed from the kingdom and brought into the kingdom of Jesus, who is the Son of His love.

¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

This is a powerful verse. "In whom we have redemption" means "In whom we are having redemption." Our redemption is an ongoing condition. What is redemption? Paul defines it as the forgiveness of sins. We are forgiven by God. This forgiveness is something we continually have. We do not need to seek it or deserve it. It has been given to us. We are possessing it.

How glorious. God is not holding your sins against you. So, go in peace and live in this knowledge and liberty.

Coming Up in Chapter 1:15-16

Paul writes of God's nature, authority, and accomplishments.