

“Increasing in the Knowledge of God”

Colossians 1: 9-14

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And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
(Colossians 1:9 English Standard Version)

Paraphrase #1:

I am always praying for you: I ask God that he would help you KNOW HIM DEEPLY. That your awareness of WHO HE IS would grow, and that the Spirit would use that knowledge to direct every experience and decision of your life.

so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:10 ESV)

Paraphrase #2:

I pray that knowing God would change everything about how you live... That every action, thought, and breath would be used joyfully to honor our great and beautiful God. It's what you were made to do. And through those actions, you would see and delight in him more and more!

being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; (Colossians 1:11 ESV)

Paraphrase #3:

I pray that when the darkest of days leaves you confused and weary... That your ability to be unshaken would rest in the confidence that God is Lord over every circumstance, event, and action. I pray He would give you His power of unwavering faithfulness.

giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:12-13 ESV)

Paraphrase #4:

And finally; I pray that thankfulness would flood your heart every day, as you consider how He has rescued. He has taken you from a life of despair and destruction and moved you into a life of never ending love and mercy. I pray that you would be confident that all your mistakes have been forgiven, and you have been purchased with a price, through the death of Jesus Christ.

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