

Questions for Consideration--With the Master on our Knees--Paul's Prayer for the church at Colosse--
Part 2—Lesson 20

1. Read Colossians 1:9-14, and then rewrite Paul's prayer for the Colossians in your own words.

2. Memorize Colossians 1:12, 13 or 14.

3. (a) Compare Paul's prayer for the Colossians (1:9-14) with Paul's prayer for the Philippians (1:9-11). What do you notice that is different? (b) What things are the same?

4. (a) According to the following verses, what was your life like before you became a Christian? See Romans 1:18; 3:10-18; Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 5:19. (b) However, what happened at the moment you were saved according to Romans 6:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:5? (c) What do you now possess according to what Paul says in Romans 8:16, 17 and 2 Corinthians 5:21? (d) What is your response to all of this?

5. (a) Read Leviticus chapter 16. What kind of preparation had to be made for the Day of Atonement? (b) What animals were used? (c) What was done to them? (d) What specifically would happen to the scapegoat? (e) What did this represent? (See Hebrews chapter 9 for additional help.)

6. (a) What does having your sins forgiven mean to you? (b) How has it changed the way you live?

7. Ask God for an opportunity this week to share with someone how they can know the blessings of sins forgiven. Come prepared to share the results.

8. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the new life you have in Christ.