

With the Master On Our Knee—Colossians 1:9-11—Paul’s Prayer for the Church at Colossae (Part 1)—Lesson 19

1. Read Colossians 1:9-14. (a) What does Paul pray for the Colossian believers? (b) Do you see any significance of these prayers, especially in light of the heresy (the false teaching of Gnosticism) that had crept into the church?
2. Memorize Colossians 1:10
3. Compare and contrast Paul’s prayer for the Colossians with his prayer for the Ephesians. (See Colossians 1:9-14 and Ephesians 1:15-21.) (a) What things do you see that are the same? (b) What things are different?
4. Paul prays that the Colossian believers would be “fruitful in every good work”. (a) What are the conditions of a fruitful life according to John 15:3, 4, and 10? (b) Is it necessary that a believer bear fruit according to Matthew 7:16-20? (c) How much fruit should we bear according to John 15:8? (d) What causes one to be unfruitful to Matthew 13:22?
5. (a) What are some types of fruit we should be producing according to Proverbs 12:14; Proverbs 31:31; Isaiah 57:19; Jeremiah 6:19; Jeremiah 17:10; Matthew 3:8; Romans 1:13; Galatians 5:22, 23 and Hebrews 13:15. (b) Are you producing these fruits?
6. Paul prays that the Colossian believers “might walk worthy of the Lord...” (a) What ways are we as believers to walk according to the following verses? Romans 13:13; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 2 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 2:10; 4:1-3, 17-32; 5:2, 8, 15 and 3 John 3, 4. (b) Why are we to walk in those ways? (c) What attitudes should accompany our walk?
7. (a) How do you think we as believers are “filled with knowledge”? (b) What is our responsibility?
8. What are the benefits of praying Scripture for yourself and others? Spend some time this week praying Paul’s prayer for someone.
9. Choose one element of Paul’s prayer that you would like to see more evident in your own life. Write it down in the form of a prayer request.