



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Colossians 1:9-14

Read Colossians 1:1-14 (and pray)

1. Compare Paul's prayer in verse 3-8 with his prayer in verse 9-14.

THANKS (3-8)	PRAYER (9-14)
since the day we heard (6)	since the day we heard (9)
thanks (3)	giving thanks (12)
always (3)	not stopped (9)
when we pray (3)	praying for you (9)
understand (6)	knowledge (9,10)
bearing fruit and growing (6)	bearing fruit and growing (10)

Discuss why you think Paul prays for what the Colossians are already doing? How does this agree with the main idea of Colossians in 2:6-7?

2. Paul prays that we may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and understanding. **Discuss what the 'will of God' is all about? Hint: compare this with what Paul says in 2:3.**
3. **So, putting question 1 and 2 together, in your own words explain why as Christians we don't need new teaching, new tricks or new ideas but all we need is to grow in our understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ.**
4. God has done amazing things for us. **Look closely at verse 12-14 and discuss what are some of the things He has done for us. As a result, what should our overriding attitude to God be?**
5. **Encourage each other and pray for each other in these areas:**

Living a life fully pleasing to the Father (10)	
"bearing fruit in every good work" (10)	What attitude should I approach my work with? What are some more good works I can do? Are there good works I can do for people in the Church?
"increasing in knowing God" (10)	Practically, how can I grow to know God more, not just know about Him? Share some practical suggestions.
"being strengthened for endurance and patience" (11)	Where are the areas I need strength to endure? How can I grow in my patience?
"giving thanks" (12)	How do I keep being grateful? Practically, what should I do if I stop being thankful?