

A Prayer For Life

Colossians 1:9-13

The Christian life demands daily spiritual growth

A. Paul's Outlook On Serving Christ

1. His highest goal

Philippians 1:12

2. He did what God wanted

Acts 26:1-18

3. Followed through to the end

2 Timothy 4:7

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B. Know God's Will (1:9-10)

1. Thoroughly (9)

“Filled” = Controlled

Ephesians 5:18

a. Why?

Colossians needed to combat Gnosticism

2 Peter 3:17

b. How?

Psalm 119:104-105, Psalm 119:130

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B. Know God's Will (1:9-10) - continued

2. Experientially (9b-10)

a. Two keys

1). Wisdom

To distinguish truth from error

2). Spiritual understanding

a) To apply truth in decisions and actions

2 Peter 3:18

b) "in the knowledge of God" - Desire and means

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C. Know God's Power (Col 1:11)

1. Extensively

Realize God is all-powerful

2. Practically

By patience, longsuffering, and joyfulness

John 15:11

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D. Magnify God's Goodness (1:12-13)

1. He has given us an inheritance (12)

“saints of light”

1 Peter 1:4

2. He has delivered us from the power of darkness (13a)

Ephesians 5:8

3. He has given us citizenship in His Son's kingdom (13b)

Exodus 19:6, 1 Peter 2:9

Jesus Has No Equal

Colossians 1:14-23

**The believer should honor Christ as his
preeminent Lord**

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

Colossians 1:14-19

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

Colossians 1:14-19 - continued

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

A. Redeemer (14)

To buy back and release a prisoner or captive by paying a ransom

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1 Corinthians 6:20

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Psalms 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

B. Revelator (15)

Philippians 2:5-11

Combated Gnostic view that Jesus is a low-ranking emanation from God

1. Image of God

“on account of his divine nature and absolute moral excellence”

2. Firstborn = Preeminent (v 18)

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

B. Revelator (15)

3. CHRIST IS GOD

a. Always existed

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Micah 5:2

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

B. Revelator (15)

3. CHRIST IS GOD

a. Always existed - continued

John 1:1-2

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 8:58

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

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B. Revelator (15)

3. CHRIST IS GOD

b. Unchangeable

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Malachi 3:6

For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

B. Revelator (15)

3. CHRIST IS GOD

c. All powerful

Philippians 3:21

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Revelation 1:8

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

B. Revelator (15)

3. CHRIST IS GOD

d. All knowing

John 2:25

And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Colossians 2:3

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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B. Revelator (15)

3. CHRIST IS GOD

d. All knowing - continued

John 21:17

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

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B. Revelator (15)

3. CHRIST IS GOD

e. Omnipresent

Psalm 139:7-10

7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

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Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Matthew 28:20

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Ephesians 1:23

Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

C. Creator (16-17)

1. Combated Gnostic view that God created Jesus

2. Jesus is Creator (16)

John 1:3-4

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

3. Jesus is eternal (17)

Revelation 1:18

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

I. Christ's Incomparable Person (1:14-19)

D. Head of the Church (18)

- 1. First place in position - Head**
- 2. First place in time - Beginning**
- 3. First place in lineage - Firstborn**
- 4. First place in power – Preeminence**

E. Fully God (19)

- 1. Combated Gnostic view that the Spirit was with Jesus temporarily**
- 2. “all fullness dwell” = The fullness of God resides in Jesus**

Colossians 2:9

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

II. Christ's Incomparable Work (1:20-23)

Colossians 1:20-23

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproueable in his sight:

II. Christ's Incomparable Work (1:20-23)

Colossians 1:20-23 - continued

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

I. Christ's Incomparable Work (1:14-19)

A. Reconciling sinners (20-21)

1. By His blood (20)

2. By a peace treaty with God (21)

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

I. Christ's Incomparable Work (1:14-19)

B. Perfecting saints (22-23)

- 1. Christ's goal to present us "holy and unblameable and unreprouvable" (22)**
- 2. If we ...(23)**
 - a. Continue in the faith**
 - b. Are grounded and settled**
 - c. Do not depart from "the hope of the Gospel"**

Who Is Christ

To You?

