

A PASTOR PRAYS

COLOSSIANS 1:9, 10a

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The saints at Colossae had faith, love, hope, the gospel, and an understanding of God's grace. Now Pastor Paul prays for the saints to have a growing transformation into the image of Jesus Christ.

FOR ALL HIS SAINTS TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL. "God's will is not a secret. He has revealed it in His Word...Having the knowledge of God's Word control our minds is the key to righteous living...Believing, submissive Bible study Bible study leads to the knowledge of God's will." John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Colossians and Philemon, pp. 29,30. (**Colossians 1:9, fn 1:9-14[1st], Colossians 2:2, 3, John 7:16-18, fn 7:16-18, Romans 12:2, fn 12:1, 2, I Peter 4:19, fn 4:19, I Thessalonians 5:16-18**) *How does knowing God's will help you in your relationship to others?*

FOR ALL HIS SAINTS TO HAVE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT for wisdom and understanding. "Divine enlightenment is needed to separate truth from error." Everett F. Harrison, Colossians: Christ All-Sufficient, p. 27. (**Colossians 1:9, Ephesians 5:18, fn 5:18, John 14:15-21, fn 14:17ff, I Corinthians 2:9-16, fn 2:15, 16, I John 4:1-6, 12, 13, fn 4:4, fn 4:13, II Corinthians 5:5-7, fn 5:5**) *How does being filled with the Holy Spirit by faith give you wisdom and understanding?*

FOR ALL HIS SAINTS' TO LIVE LIVES WORTHY OF THE LORD. God has chosen us to be His representatives. Our conduct should be a reflection of His character. His life is our life and the copy is the example. (**Colossians 1:10a, Ephesians 4:1,2, fn 4:1, 2, Philippians 1:12-14, fn 1:14, I Peter 2:21-23, fn 2:21, 22, II Corinthians 5:20, fn 5:20**) *When you are at your workplace, how is Jesus seen in your life?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.

