

Study Guide

COLOSSIANS

Always. Only. Jesus.

Jesus, Our Redemption | Colossians 1:9-14

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (ESV)

Introduction

It's crazy out there right now. Government leaders, civil unrest, crime, false religion, compromised religion, sin in the church, not to mention death, sickness, making ends meet, people, relatives, etc. A whole lot like it was in 1st century Colossae. Which is why in 8-13, Paul reminded them of the hope being kept for them in heaven. He didn't want them to give in or give up.

But Paul with Timothy doesn't just write to them about it. They pray for them constantly about it. You see, the difficulty with getting to the sweet by and by is living through the nasty now and now. And what Paul and Timothy prayed for was what they needed, and what we need to survive and thrive in God's will on the way to our hope.

The BIG Idea:
Jesus redeemed the church to display God's glory now and forever.

Paul with Timothy prayed for the church to (9-12):

1. Mature, grow up in your knowledge of God. (9B)
2. Live Christianly, growing in your knowledge of God. (10)
3. Know God's sovereign power for endurance with joy. (11)
4. Be grateful for all the Father has done for you (12)

The church is God's redeeming purpose on display (13-14).

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Let's Think About It

Thinking about maturing in our knowledge of God (9B):

How might a more mature believer want to know God's will differently than a less mature believer?

How might a fuller knowledge of God's will with spiritual wisdom and understanding affect how we see current events?

Thinking about living Christianly (10):

How does this text describe God's will for your life?

What does 'bearing fruit' have to do with whether or not you are living in God's will?

Thinking about knowing God's sovereign power for endurance with joy (11):

When is the power of God most evident in your life? (Cf. 1 Peter 3:15)

In seasons of difficulty, how is joy an indicator of and testimony to God's grace?

Thinking of being grateful for all the Father has done (12):

Why are you qualified for an inheritance in heaven?

How should your assured inheritance affect your gratitude to God regardless of circumstance? How can we help one another remember this?

Thinking about our exodus (13-14):

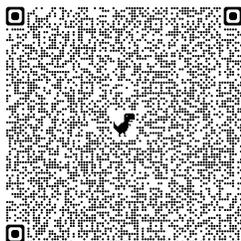
What did the exodus of Israel from Egypt and our exodus from this the domain of darkness require?

How does this exodus help us understand the epic narrative of God's will?

Book Recommendation (Click or Scan)

[The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden](#)

A Children's Book
By Kevin DeYoung



Sing...

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

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