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Prayer for Fruitful Living

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Pray that the Jesus followers in your world would live fruitful lives pleasing to God

1. Jesus is the basis for us being <u>family</u>

Colossians 1:1-2

Author: the Apostle Paul (1:1)

Audience: the Church at Colossae (1:2)

Occasion: to instruct followers of Jesus that He is enough

2. The Gospel, by nature, continues to grow and does so primarily through <u>relationships</u>

Colossians 1:3-8

The hope, the confidence of Heaven ought to be a motivator, a <u>catalyst</u> for our behaviors here on earth

3. The desired outcome of your life is to please God in every way

Colossians 1:9-14

He begins with what he knows that they'll need: the <u>necessary resources</u>

"be filled with the knowledge of [God's] will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives"

And continues by articulating the <u>desired</u> <u>outcome</u> of their lives:

"you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way"

And then goes on to describe what the desired outcome looks like:

- bearing fruit in every good work
- growing in the knowledge of God
- being strengthened with power for endurance and patience
- give joyful thanks to the Father

Galatians 6:9

Never be confused - Satan only leads what God has <u>designated</u> him to lead and for the time that God determines; Jesus reigns <u>supremely</u> of His own sovereign rule

Now What?

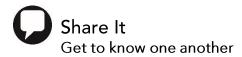
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Week of September 2

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People in Home Groups connect to do life and mission together. They talk, share, learn, play, and pray together. Please call if we can help you connect into a group. (909) 335-7333



Share about a letter or email that is/was significant to you.



Our "Rooted" series comes from the book of Colossians. Read Colossians chapter 1, verses 1-8.

What do we learn about the recipients of Paul's letter? How does he describe them? What is the basis of their relationship to one another and Paul? How did this happen?

In 1:9-14, Paul tells them what he prays for them. List the specifics:

How is this helpful to our own prayer lives?



Paul wrote of many admirable things about the recipients. (1:1-8) Which of these stand out to you? Would any of these be something in which you would like to grow?

It was suggested that the key focus in Colossians is that "Jesus is enough." What might this mean?

How is the word "enough" a challenge in our culture? How might verses 13-14 speak to our culture of 'never enough'?



Pray Suggestions for this week

- If you feel comfortable, share and pray for some immediate needs in your lives
- Pray about something from Paul's prayer for your whole group (e.g. to "walk worthy")
- Pray for the people in your world who are without a relationship with Christ. Pray for those you might want to bring to "Christianity Explored" (See more on our website, www.trinityonline.org)



Pray for the people in your group including some requests that Paul prayed.