

# COLOSSIANS 1:9-14 AN INTERCESSORY CELEBRATION

Colossians is all about the SUPERIORITY and the CENTRALITY of Christ in the life of the church, and the only way that is accomplished in Calvary Chapel Santa Maria, is when we believe/submit that each individual's life here in this room is centered around the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Church of Jesus in its best health does three things: (I took this from NT Wright this isn't my own). That we LOOK NOWHERE ELSE FOR. 1. The forgiveness of our past. 2. The maturity for our present. 3. The hope for our future. Colossians 2:6-7 is a central key for our series: **Colossians 2:6–7 (ESV): 6 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving** The new life of Christ shouts out why we live and

have our breath: the wonderful revelation of the Gospel is that we discover that our purpose for existence is not for a plan or an ideal, but for a PERSON: For JESUS CHRIST. He is the answer to the UNIVERSAL QUESTION “WHY?!”

We begin with verse 9, where Paul has begun a written INTERCESSORY prayer for the Colossian church, and it continues on all the way into v.23, **Colossians 1:9 (ESV): 9 And 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**

Paul prays that you would be FILLED WITH GOD, and that being filled up with God, you would contain HIS will and HIS knowledge and HIS understanding.

**Colossians 1:10 (ESV): 10 so 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.**

**bearing fruit in every good work: the application of holiness in Christ.**

**Colossians 1:11–12 (ESV): being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

*“Paul singles out these qualities as the weapons one needs to live in the world undaunted by its crises and panics. A patient and longsuffering spirit, the quiet corollary of faith, hope and love, is the product of the settled conviction that the Father of Jesus Christ is the sovereign Lord of*

*the world, and that he is able to bring about his purposes in his own time and manner.” - NT Wright.*

**Colossians 1:13–14 (ESV): He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**