

CHURCH ON THE GROW – PART II

“Growing in God’s Will”

Colossians 1:9-14

Have you ever wondered how you can pray for someone? In today’s passage, the apostle Paul offers a prayer to God for the Colossian believers. This prayer is one that we can use as a guide in praying for each other and ourselves. Every item Paul mentions in this prayer is crucial in growing as a believer in Jesus. Today’s teaching will explain why.

1. PRAY THAT WE _____ IN THE LORD, v. 9

- A. Prayer transcends distance – Paul never met them
- B. Prayer impacts people without ever meeting them
- C. Prayer is an obligation we have to one another
- D. Prayer is something we grow in

2. PRAY THAT WE GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF _____, v. 9

- A. Knowing the will of God with all wisdom
- B. Knowing the will of God with all understanding
- C. Knowing the will of God is tied to the Spirit, Ephesians 1:17, 1 Cor 2:12-14

APPLICATION POINTS

- God’s will is everything pertaining to _____ for our salvation
- God’s _____ will is revealed in Scripture - & is the same for everybody, Phil 3:10
- God’s _____ will is unique to each believer, James 4:13-17

3. PRAY THAT WE GROW IN LIVING A _____, v. 10

- A. We must live a life that is worthy of the Lord
- B. We must please him in every way
- C. We must bear fruit in good works, Ephesians 2:8-10
- D. We must grow in the knowledge of God

4. PRAY THAT WE GROW IN _____ GOD’S POWER, v. 11

- A. God strengthens us with all power (*dunamis*)
- B. God imparts his glorious might (*kratos*) to us
- C. God’s power gives us endurance (*hupomone*)
- D. God’s power gives us patience (*makrothumia*)

5. PRAY THAT WE GROW IN _____ TO GOD FOR _____ US FROM THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS, vv. 12-14

- A. Be joyfully giving thanks (a fruit of the Spirit), v. 12
- B. Be joyful about our inheritance, v.12
- C. Be joyful we are in the kingdom of light, v. 12
- D. Be joyful that he rescued us from Satan, v. 13
- E. Be joyful he brought us into the Kingdom of his Son, v. 13
- F. Be joyful over our redemption, v. 14
- G. Be joyful because our sins are forgiven, v. 14

NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series through Colossians. Today's message focuses on basic ways in which we can pray for one another.

NEXT WEEK – CHURCH AT ROYER PARK

Don't come here next Sunday because we are meeting at Royer Park. Our service starts at 10:30 so get there a little early to get organized. Bring a chair, blanket, a side dish, cooler with cans of beverages & ice, (no liters). The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, buns, condiments, water, plates, napkins, plastic forks, knives etc.

We are putting on this event with Roseville City Church. Last year we had over 200 people stop in and participate.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – "CHILDREN IN CHURCH"

Kids grades K-6 are encouraged to go upstairs for Children's church when our Sunday service begins. Occasionally we are scheduling a "Children In Church" Sunday where they will all attend with adults to start, and the kids grades K-3 will go upstairs for a lesson before the sermon. Children grades 4-6 will continue downstairs for the whole service. August 18 is our next "kids in Church" Sunday.

LIFE GROUPS STARTING IN THE FALL

Life Groups begin the second week in September. When we land on the day of the week that best accommodates everyone, we will announce it. The format is dinner at 5:45, then Bible study at 6:30 – 7:30. The topics will be announced.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

The balance of our loan for the roof is \$7,048. To retire this debt, you can make donations to the Building Fund. Through June our YTD giving is below expenses by \$956. Thank you for your financial support of Hillcrest Church.

Welcome to Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness!

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people
Colossians 1:3-4

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