

THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS / The Supremacy of Christ – Week 3

Last Week: *Colossians 1:1-8*

- Paul Expresses Thanks that the Colossians...heard the gospel, believed in Christ, received discipleship, and bore fruit.

This Week: *Colossians 1:9-12* - PAUL MAKES PETITION FOR THE COLOSSIAN CHURCH

I. That They May Have Knowledge (v. 9)

“Knowledge” (epignosis)

Resulting In...

II. Holiness (v. 10a)

“walk worthy”

“pleasing to Him”

III. Fruitfulness (v. 10b)

“bearing fruit”

“increasing in knowledge”

IV. Strength (v. 11)

“according to his glorious might”

“patience and longsuffering/steadfastness”

V. Gratitude (v. 12)

“inheritance”

“in the light”

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK: COLOSSIANS 1:13-20

Friday – Observing the Text / Read Colossians 1:13-20 a few times

1. How did Paul describe Christ?

2. What Christ's role in creation?

3. What did peace and reconciliation with God come through? What is reconciliation?

Monday - Interpreting Parts of the Text / Read Colossians 1:13-20

4. Twice Paul used the term "firstborn" to speak of Christ. What does the term suggest?

5. What is the significance of Christ as the head of the body, the church?

6. What does it mean that the fullness of God dwells in Christ?

Wednesday – Applying the Text / Read Colossians 1:13-20

7. Christ is the creator and sustainer of the universe what are the implications of that truth upon your life right now?

8. What area of your life do you need to surrender to Christ's preeminence?

9. Think about situations (or people) in need of reconciliation. How can you, like Paul, be a servant of the gospel and an agent of reconciliation to them this week?
