

Colossians: Fighting Heresy and Preserving Purity
(Part 3) Knowledge and Power for Godly Living

Other than in the case of _____, only the prayers of the redeemed are heard by God
(Prov. 28:9; Isaiah 59:2; Zechariah 7:11-13; John 9:31; 1 Peter 3:12)

Genuine prayer seeks understanding of God's will and the power to accept and live according to God's will (Matt. 6:9-13)

It is not making God listen to our _____

It is _____ ourselves to listen to him

It is not manipulating God to _____ our circumstances

It is finding out what he wants us to _____ in the circumstance

(Colossians 1:9-14) Paul's prayer for wisdom and understanding for a _____ gone astray

(v.9) A _____ prayer for complete knowledge of God's will

To know God's _____ and how to _____ it in their lives

To be _____ when meeting life head on

To conduct their lives in a manner _____ to God

A prayer for spiritual wisdom and understanding

We know what we ought to do, but are often too _____ to follow through

God does not hide his will or the power to perform his will (Eph 1:9; Phil. 2:12b-13; 2 Peter 1:3)

(v.10) Living in spiritual wisdom and understanding brings benefits

The possibility of " _____ " honoring and pleasing the Lord

The _____ to produce good spiritual fruit

Continued personal spiritual _____

Learning to _____ God better and better

(v.11-12a) A prayer for four key Christian qualities

Endurance – dealing _____ with the hard life deals to you

Bearing up to circumstances and using them for God's glory

_____ – dealing with people

Not becoming bitter, despairing or overly irritated

Joy – in any _____

Based in the _____ of Christ not what is happening at the moment

Thankfulness – to the father

(v.12b-14) An _____ as children of God

God has _____ and included Gentiles in his promised salvation (Acts 1:8; 26:18)

God transfers his children from kingdom of darkness to kingdom of light

From slavery to freedom (Romans 6:11)

Redemption = _____

From condemnation to _____ (Romans 8:1)

