

Worship Guide: May 3, 2020

Colossians 1:9b-14 "Fruit is a Response" Pt 1

Introduction: Paul's Prayer

- 1) The Colossian Need
- 2) Paul's Prayer

Paul's prayer shows us both how to pray, and how to live.

Fruit is a Response

- 1) Defining Fruit:
- 2) Fruit apart from God is _____.

Application: Does your prayer jump to the fruit and skip the means? What does that say about your understanding of the gospel?

The Work of God: Filling with Knowledge (Col 1:9b)

- 1) What is the will of God?
- 2) Only God can give _____ wisdom.
- 3) Spiritual wisdom will transform our:
 - a. _____ of right and wrong.
 - b. _____ of "why?"
 - c. _____ towards God and His law.
- 4) Filling is a _____ work in our lives.

Application: What destroys your *desperation* for the knowledge of God's will?

The Response: A Life of Worship (Col 1:10)

- 1) What is a "worthy" life?
- 2) Good works are not _____ fruitful.
- 3) Doing will *always* lead to more _____.

Conclusion:

*Let us live a life **worthy** of what Christ has done and of who God is!*

Activities for Kids

1) Write out a prayer for you and your family to pray tonight about being filled with the knowledge of God's will.

2) What is the definition of fruit?

3) Look up the sign language for "fruit" and do it every time Pastor Joe says "fruit." You can also do this for "Full" and "Knowledge."

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Questions for Families, Couples, and Friends

Colossians 1:9b-14

- 1) **(Reflection)** How would you define and acquire wisdom after listening to today's sermon?

- 2) **(Prayer)** Think about your normal prayer. Who do you pray for? What do you pray for? Why do you pray for it? How does that compare to Paul? Are there any changes you should make?

- 3) **(Fullness)** We need to be continually filled with the knowledge of God's will. While it might seem more convenient to have a complete understanding right now, what are some of the unique benefits of *growing* in the knowledge of God?

- 4) **(Worship)** How would you define living a "worthy" life after today's sermon? Does this seem achievable? Answer "yes" or "no" and give your reason why.

- 5) **(Prayer)** Spend some time praying for God to fill you, your family, your friends, and your church, with the knowledge of His will, so *that* we can live fruitful lives.