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PAUL'S UNCEASING PRAYER FOR THEM

(Colossians 1:9 - 14)

INTRODUCTION

- (v9) "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it" - In (v3-6) Paul reminds them of what he heard about them: "we heard of your faith" "your love" "the hope" "bringing forth fruit" and "you heard and knew the grace of God in truth"
- (v9) "... do not cease to pray for you" - (Ephesians 6:19) "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

THE CONTENT OF PAUL'S PRAYER

1. (v9) "that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding"

"Knowledge" - (Psalm 119:7, v9, v12, v16, v33, v66)
"In all wisdom" - put knowledge into practice; application.
"And spiritual understanding" - (Psalm 119:27, v34, v73, v104, v125)

2. (v10) "that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him"

"Walk worthy" - (Ephesians 4:1) "... beseech you to walk worthy ... "
(Philippians 1:27) "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ ... "
"Fully pleasing Him" - (2 Corinthians 5:9-10) "to be pleasing to Him"
(Hebrews 13:16) "for with such sacrifices God is well pleased"

3. (v10) "Being fruitful in every good work"

(John 15:5) "... He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit ... "
So much depends on our "abiding" in Jesus.
"Every good work" provides an opportunity to demonstrate "the fruit of the Spirit"
(Galatians 5:22-25) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace ... "

4. (v10) "And increasing in the knowledge of God" - (2 Peter 1:2 and 3:17-18)

5. (v11) "Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy"

"His glorious power" - (Ephesians 6:10-11, v13) "... be strong in the Lord ... "
"For patience and longsuffering" - In struggles, I need the added strength of God's power.

6. (v12 - 14) "Giving thanks to the Father ... " - "the inheritance" "delivered us" "conveyed us into the kingdom" "redemption" "the forgiveness of sins"