

Believing, submissive Bible study leads to the knowledge of God's will. A mind saturated with such knowledge will also be able to comprehend general principles of godly behavior. With that wisdom will come understanding of how to apply those principles to the situations of life. That progression will inevitably result in godly character and practice. MacArthur New Testament commentary Colossians & Philemon, p.30

5. From **Col. 1:10-11**. What are the results of growth in knowledge, wisdom and understanding?

6. In **Col. 1:12-14**, Paul, in his prayer, moves from requests or petitions on behalf of the Colossians to thanksgiving to God for the gift of salvation. From **verse 12**, for what does Paul give thanks to the Father?

7. From **Col. 1:13a**, what is the additional cause for thanksgiving?

8. From **Col. 1:13b-14**, what is the blessing for which Paul gives thanks in these verses?

9. In summary of **Col.1:12-14**, God has (1) **qualified us** to share in such a rich inheritance in the saints in light (2) **delivered us** from the domain of darkness and (3) **transferred us** to the Kingdom of his beloved son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sin. From the following verses, how are we to respond to His great work of salvation?
 - **Psalm 95:1-3**
 - **Psalm 103:1-2**
 - **1 Peter 1:3-6**
 - **2 Cor. 4:17**
 - **1 Thess. 5:9-11**
 - What others would you add?

10. How has the study of **Col.1:9-14** changed the way in which you will pray for others?

11. What changes do you need to make for the study of Gods transforming Word to become a priority in your life?