

Colossians: Christ In Us  
Colossians 1:9-14  
The Apostle's Prayer

Sermon Theme: *Paul provides us with a pattern for fruitful prayer and exposes our hearts to the wonderful things God desires to grant us as his children.*

### OPENING QUESTIONS

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Group leaders, you are challenged to come up with 2 discussion starter-questions that either relate to the sermon or are relevant to your specific growth group.

### THE WORD READ

- Have the text read aloud in your group by either nominating someone or by taking turns.
- Colossians 1:4-8 (ESV), <sup>9</sup>*And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*
- Have your group pray that Holy Spirit would work in your group so the group would have a fuller grasp of the text, have a great discussion, and would grow as friends.

### THE WORD DISCUSSED

- Watch the sermon discussion video, taking note of points for later discussion.
- What new insights into the sermon or the text did you discover through this video?

### THE WORD PREACHED

- How has your knowledge of God deepened through this sermon?
- How has your understanding of the world broadened through this sermon?
- How has your awareness of yourself been enriched through this sermon?
- What new truths about the Christianity, the Church, or Christ have you discovered through this sermon?

### THE WORD LIVED

- In what ways were you personally comforted in your walk with Christ through this sermon?
- Where were you personally convicted by the Holy Spirit in the area of holiness through this sermon?
- How were you personally commissioned to live more fully for God through this sermon - and how can this group pray to support you and hold you accountable to this?

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Spend some time as a group praying for each other's needs. (Group Leaders, be mindful of on-going prayer requests.) Challenge everyone to pray aloud.