

## Paul's Prayers

**Colossians 1:9-12** - 9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

**Phillipians 1:9-11** - 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God.

**Ephesians 1:16-19** - 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

**Ephesians 3:16-19** - 6 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**Philemon 6** - 6 I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

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Paul, speaking by the Holy Spirit, prays for the church in various New Testament passages. Here as Paul's bears his heart, Christ's express desire for His church is seen. Paul prays that the church would be filled with the knowledge and understanding of God, His will, and our hope in Christ. This knowledge is a key element for Christ church to experience victory and produces Christ's desired results in His church.

**2 Peter 1:3-4** - 3 His divine power *has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him* who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that *through them you may participate in the divine nature* and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. NIV

## **Power**

As Paul prays, he also requests that the church be filled with the awesome power of God so that they will have the strength to carry out what the knowledge directs. This power Paul says is “incomparable” and “glorious.” Indeed what we lack so often is the power to carry out what our inner man so willingly desires.

**Romans 7:18**- 18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For *I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.*

## **Fruit**

Paul goes on to beseech God that the church might be filled with the fruit of the Spirit. It is through the display of God’s attributes in the church that we become a demonstration of His glory. That we might be, by bearing the characteristics of our Father, a people to the “praise of His glorious grace.” Of course God’s great purpose in the creation is to display awesome splendor of His own person – to the Glory and Praise of His name!

**John 15:8** - 8 *This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit*, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Brothers! Let us cry out day and night to the Father for our dear family at Heritage Christian Fellowship in this manner. May these things be the passion of our hearts and the goal to which we give our lives in acceptable sacrifice!