

ANSWER TO PRAYER

6/27 & 6/28

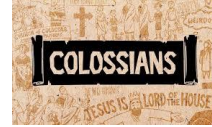
[Colossians 1:9-14](#) – Paul prays over the Colossian church, and in his prayer, he shares with them what he is asking God to do in them and through them. He asks God to fill them with knowledge and spiritual wisdom so that they may live a worthy life and please Jesus. How do they live a worthy life? They live it by bearing fruit in every good work, growing in their knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that they may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father who has qualified them to have a share in the inheritance with the saints.

Who should you be praying this prayer over?

How are you living into this prayer?

Where is this prayer being answered in your life?

Sermon Notes



Our Journey for June 22 – June 28, 2026

How do we pray for other people? If you know a specific need, we will pray for that need, but what about those times God lays someone on our hearts, and we don't know what is going on in their lives? Paul's prayer in Colossians offers insight into how to pray for others. He doesn't know the people of Colossae as well as he does in other places because He didn't start this church. Paul's prayer is that the people would have the spiritual wisdom and knowledge to live a life worthy of the Lord and to please Him throughout their lives. In other words, Paul prays that people grow in their relationship with Jesus so that Jesus would be pleased with how they live. He is encouraging them to be the best children of God they can be, and to know that when they sin, they will be forgiven. ~ Pastor Seth

STRENGTHENED WITH POWER

Mon. 6/22

[Psalm 18](#) – What is it like to be strengthened with power? In [Colossians 1:10-12](#), Paul prays for the church in Colossae, and part of that prayer is that the church will be strengthened with the power according to God's glorious might so that they might have endurance and patience. It raises the question of what Paul means by strengthened with power? Psalm 18 gives a picture of God's strength and power. David wrote this psalm after God gave him the victory over his enemies. David praises God for being with him through difficult times when he was running for his life. David understood how God protected him time and time again. David's love for God grew throughout these times of adversity. We may not go through anything like David, but we can see God's strength throughout the Bible. God gives us the same strength to endure that David had, and we may even thrive, just as David did.

What does it mean to be strengthened with power?

How has God strengthened you with His power, giving you patience and endurance?

GROWING IN FAITH

Tue. 6/23

[2 Kings 22:1-20](#) – Josiah became king at an early age. Some people, when they have power and privilege at a young age, become entitled and abuse their position. Josiah was different. He followed the Lord the best he knew how. One way he knew was to worship at the Temple. As the Temple had fallen into disrepair, the order was given to the religious leaders to renovate it. When they did, they found the Book of the Law. Imagine you wanted to follow God, but you had no way of knowing what to do. What would you do? As the Law was read to King Josiah, he realized how far they were from God. He immediately repented and led the people into a time of renewal. He went through the kingdom, tearing down the idols and removing the priests who worshipped the idols. Josiah grew in his faith and led the people to grow in theirs.

What are you doing to grow in your faith?

Who prayed for you to grow in faith? Why did they do that?

GIVING THANKS

Wed. 6/24

[Daniel 6:1-28](#) – How do you handle bad news? Do you get angry? Do you cry? Do you push through it? Daniel was an Israelite who was taken as a young man to serve the Babylonian Empire. He was known for his faith in God and his wisdom. Since the beginning of his training, he followed God's commands. He prayed three times a day, kept the dietary laws, and kept the Law. Other officials became jealous of Daniel, and the only flaw they could find was his devotion to God. So, they tricked King Darius into issuing an edict that would put Daniel to death. Daniel chose to obey God and trusted God would deliver him one way or another. We should follow Daniel's example and pray during the good times and the bad.

Why did Daniel pray?

How can you give thanks during difficult moments?

BEARING FRUIT

Thur. 6/25

[John 15:1-17](#) – Have you ever eaten fruit that wasn't quite ready? Maybe a green strawberry, green blueberry, or red blackberry? The fruit is bitter and could potentially make you sick. The unripe fruit doesn't mean the plant is unhealthy; it just means that the fruit needs more time to ripen. If you pick it, it won't have a chance to ripen. It must remain connected to the branch. The same is true of us. As followers of Jesus, we need to stay connected to Jesus so our fruit will ripen. Our fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and self-control. It takes time and energy for these pieces of our faith to grow. There are times people will get a taste of the unripe fruit and face our anger, short temper, and other aspects of the unripe fruit. We need to ask for forgiveness and continue cultivating the fruit of being the child of God.

When have you seen unripe fruit? What did you do about it?

What can you do to cultivate the unripe fruit?

AN INHERITANCE

Fri. 6/26

[Acts 20:13-38](#) – Paul is heading to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and sent to Rome, where he will die. As he is leaving Ephesus, he gives them a final blessing and words of hope. He acknowledges that some who follow after him will teach the people to go in ways that will deny Jesus, but he urges them to remember what he has taught them. In verse 32, he says something profound: he commits them to God and His words of grace, which will build them up and give them an inheritance among the sanctified. What is that inheritance? An inheritance is something we are given when someone dies. The inheritance Paul talks about is life with Jesus in the Kingdom of God.

How do we receive the inheritance that speaks of?

How can you share this inheritance with others?