



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Colossians - Living in the Fullness of God

Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor

Scriptures: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters^[a] in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.^[b]

Thanksgiving and Prayer

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant,^[c] who is a faithful minister of Christ on our^[d] behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,^[e] ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and 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, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[f] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Pastor Rich will lead us through a new six-week series through the book of Colossians. Colossians is a letter written by the apostle Paul that emphasizes the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus Christ. This Sunday we will explore a prayer that has the ability to transform our lives.

Sermon Questions:

1. Slowly read Colossians 1:9-14. What word or phrase stands out and speaks to you?
2. Paul extends grace and peace to the church in Colossae (v. 2). What would it look like for us to receive and extend the grace and peace of Christ each day?
3. The sermon highlighted 3 prayers of Paul in the passage: that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's will, strengthened with power, and joyfully thankful. Which of these do you most need or desire right now?

4. Pastor Rich shared some reasons why we may not want to pray these kind of prayers (ex. Functional atheism, fast-paced life, staying fixed). What are obstacles for you to pray these kinds of prayers for yourself or others?
5. Ask the Holy Spirit who you should pray this prayer from Colossians 1 over right now and take the time to pray the Scripture over them.