

Outline

► Today's message is based on Colossians 1:9-14.

... you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Colossians 1:10b (NLT)

Prayers for spiritual growth:

(Colossians 1:9-14. C/R: 2 Corinthians 1:11; Ephesians 6:18)

1. Receive _____ of God's _____.
(Colossians 1:9b. C/R: Romans 12:2; 1 Cor. 2:10-12;
Ephesians 4:11-14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2. Resulting in _____ lives.
(Colossians 1:10. C/R: John 15:5; Ephesians 4:1;
1 Thessalonians 2:12)

3. Receive _____ from the _____.
(Colossians 1:11. C/R: Romans 15:13; Ephesians 3:16;
James 1:2-4)

4. Respond with _____ for _____.
(Colossians 1:12-14. C/R Ephesians 1:7,13-14; 5:8-9;
1 Thessalonians 2:12)

Answers: 1. knowledge, will 2. God-pleasing 3. strength, Spirit 4. gratitude, inheritance
Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

My least favorite subject in high school was _____ because _____.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Colossians 1:9-14](#).

1. What is Paul asking God to do in the lives of these believers?
2. What jumps out at you in this passage?
3. If someone asked you how to *know and understand God's will*, what steps would you encourage them to take?
4. What have you learned about *God's will* for your life the last few years? Why is *knowing God's will* so important?
5. A life that *honors and pleases the Lord* looks like _____.
6. What does Paul say are some results of being *strengthened with all of God's glorious power* ([vs. 11-12](#))? How would your life be different if you were filled with more of this strength?
7. How would you describe your relationship with God these days, compared to five years ago? Are you growing closer to God, drifting away, or in about the same place? Explain.
8. What practices can you incorporate into your life this week to help you *know God better and better* and be *strengthened with His glorious power*?

9. What does Paul mean by *the kingdom of darkness*? For further insight, see: [Ephesians 5:8-14](#); [2 Peter 2:9-11](#); [1 John 1:5-7](#); [5:19-21](#).

10. Read [Exodus 3:7-10](#).

- a. List some similarities between Jesus and Moses.
- b. How is Jesus even better than Moses?

11. What is your biggest takeaway from this week's teaching?

Soul Training

Rewrite Paul's prayer in [Colossians 1:9-14](#) to make it your own. Ask God to do in your life what Paul was asking God to do in the lives of the Colossians. Once you've prayed these things for yourself, spend time praying in the same way for someone else. You might also do this same exercise using some of Paul's other prayers, found in [Ephesians 1:15-20](#); [3:14-21](#), and [Philippians 1:9-11](#).

Memory Verse

... *you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.*

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Daily Reading

Day 1: [Colossians 1:9-14](#)

Day 4: [Exodus 3:7-10](#)

Day 2: [Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

Day 5: [1 John 5:19-21](#)

Day 3: [2 Peter 2:9-11](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, June 24, we'll continue the series *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read [Colossians 1:15-23](#).

If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).
