



# Paul's Model Prayer (I)

Col.1:9-14

# Bloody Saturday, Shanghai

## August 28, 1937



## Col.1:1...7-8

- Paul had never been to Colosse
- Writes from Roman imprisonment
- Has three choices –
  1. Focus only on himself
  2. Fume over his circumstances
  3. Fix heart with gratitude for spiritual growth of unknown Christians, Col.1:3

# Col.1:9-14, Paul's prayer

- Not for his release, for care packages, for financial support
- Not for Colossians to escape persecution

## Paul prays . . .

- Thankfully, 1:6
- Persistently, 1:9
- Specifically, 1:9
- Spiritually, 1:9
- Aggressively, 2:1

# Col.1:9-14, Paul's prayer

- Paul prays with anxiety and concern
- He has heard (4, 9) about . . .
  1. Their faith, 4?
  2. Their love, 4, 8?
  3. Their hope, 5?
  4. Them, 2, 3, 6

# I. Be Filled With Knowledge Of His Will, 9

# Jn.7:17

Insults God to think our will equals or nullifies His will.

- “Doctrine doesn’t matter”
- “Doesn’t matter what you believe”
  - Gal.1:6
  - 2 K.5
  - Ep.5:17

Gnostics thought they knew it all.

Colossians had full knowledge.

# We have not 'arrived' in knowledge

'Filled':

Jn.12:3, house

Ac.5:3, satan

Ac.5:28, Jeru.

Col.1:9; 4:12

- 'Fill': *control*. Ep.5:18.
  - Anger . . . Knowledge
  - Ships: fully equipped

'Knowledge': our knowledge of Him (10)

- His teaching controls us (9)



# We have not 'arrived' in knowledge

Filled with . . .

His will: we have a choice. 1 Jn.5:14

- Paul wants them deep in doctrine.

Wisdom: Mt.12:42. Col.4:5

Understanding: insight

Spiritual: 3:16

All: 1:18; 2:3

**Knowledge without  
obedience is  
useless, Mt.7:21;  
Mt.19.**

I. Be Filled With The Knowledge Of His Will

## II. Walk Worthy Of The Lord, 10

## Walk: Gn.5:22

- Not strolling, but living faithfully

**True wisdom affects daily life. 3:5-7**

- In His Majesty's service, walking requires . . .
  1. Action.
  2. Aim.
  3. Advancement.

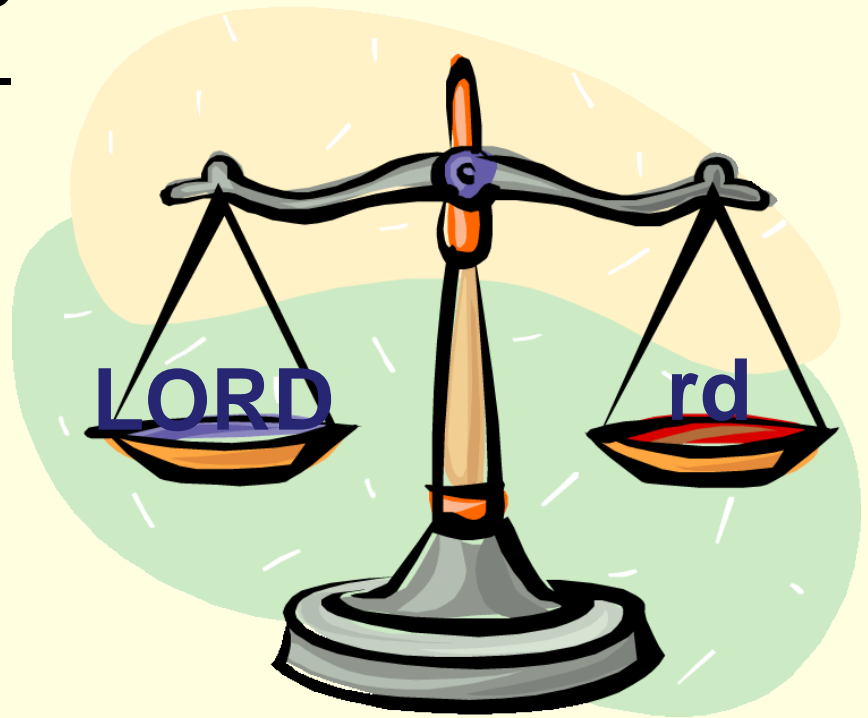
**Walk Worthy:** in a manner worthy of,  
suitably, of comparable value

- “Money’s **worth**’
- Ac.15:38 (1 T.5:17)  
consider worthy
- Ep.4:1, **calling**
- Ph.1:27, **gospel**
- Col.1:10, **Lord**
- Col.4:5, **toward outsiders**



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- A life that honors Him because of –
  1. **Who He is,**  
1:15, 18-19.
  2. **What He has**  
**done, 1:22.**



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**III. Fully Pleasing Him, 10**

# To all pleasing

- 'Please Him in all respects' (NASB)

Comprehensive  
goal.  
(Jonah)

Continuous  
goal.  
(Solomon)

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**1**Complete goal. Verse 10

**2**Committed goal. Dn.6

**3**Concerned goal. 1 Co.10