



THE CAMPUS CHURCH
LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND PEOPLE

Colossians – A Portrait of Christ

A Powerful Prayer

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

When in the middle of a crisis, it is important to have a clear mind and a focused vision. For followers of Jesus, when going through hard times, it is important to be looking in the direction of Jesus, and to be processing all of life through the lens of His truth.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—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 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. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

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, 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, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:1-14

Background of Colossians

Authorship and Date of Colossians

Importance and Purpose of Colossians

The Colossian letter was written to clear up a few misconceptions – The supremacy of the person of Christ as the Son of God; the perfection of Christ's work on the cross to secure our

redemption, reconciliation and salvation; and, the spiritual liberty that could be enjoyed by all who were united to Christ through faith.

1. Paul thanks God for the _____, _____ and _____ of C2

When people outside of our faith community think of the Campus Church, what comes to their mind?

2. Paul prays for _____ intelligence (SI) for C2

3. Paul prays for _____ Intelligence (MI) for C2 - a practical outworking of faith.

Living a life worthy of the Lord

Pleasing the Lord in every way

Bearing fruit in good

Growing in the knowledge of God

Endurance

Patience

Thankfulness

Life Application

- Do I have deep faith in Jesus and love for others inspired by the hope I have in Christ?
- Do I have spiritual intelligence? Am I allowing the spirit of God to impart the wisdom of his will to me?
- Do I have moral intelligence? Has my faith in Jesus moved from my head to my heart? Is my faith in Jesus affecting the way I live day by day?

Homework

Read through the book of Colossians this week before next Sunday. Use a highlighter to highlight all the verses that stand out to you. Pray that God would help you personally, and us corporately to see Jesus clearly.