

Sunday 20th July, 2008
Re. Colossians 1:9-14

Dear Sermon listener,

*Normally I do a sheet which simply condenses the points of the sermon.
This sheet is different.*

It attempts to show clearly what Paul said in Colossians 1:9-14.

Paul often wrote in a compact, complicated way.

The summary below should make what he was saying clearer.

It will help you follow the sermon...

...and you can take it home and use it as a guide to help you pray for other Christians.

Jamie

In Colossians 1:9-14, Paul says to the Christians living in the city of Colosse:

▪ **I pray for you:**

- [i] I pray for you because of what God has already done in your lives (v9a, which refers back to v3-8)
- [ii] I don't stop praying for you (v9b)

▪ **This is what I pray:**

- [i] That God would fill you with the knowledge of His will... (v9c)
- [ii] ...through all spiritual wisdom and understanding (v9d)

▪ **This is why I pray:**

- [i] So you live a life worthy of the Lord (v10a)
- [ii] And may please Him in every way (v10b)

▪ **This is what 'living worthy' & 'pleasing the Lord' looks like:**

- [i] Bearing fruit in every good work (v10c)
- [ii] Growing in the knowledge of God (v10d)
- [iii] Being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience (v11a)

▪ **This is how you're going to be able to live worthy of & please the Lord:**

- [i] Joyfully give thanks to the Father... (v11b & v12a)
- [ii] ... who qualified you and rescued you (v12b & v13)