

Connect

What would a Kingdom of love be like? What won't be there? Why?

Verses - Colossians 1:9-14 (NKJV)

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray
for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in
all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of
the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and
increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might,
according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with
joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of
the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the
power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His
love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness
of sins.

Study

1. Why is it significant that Paul's prayers are being added to the prayers of other people? (Matthew 18:19)

2. What does it mean to be fruitful? How can being fruitful please God? (Titus 3:14)

3. Why does Paul NOT pray for their long life, good health, prosperity, or other earthly blessings? State what Paul DOES pray for instead. (James 4:3, Matthew 6:33)

4. Paul wants his readers to join him in always giving thanks to the Father for what? Should we always give thanks to the Father in this way? What stops us? (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

DISCUSS

What can Paul's readers (including us) learn from how Paul is praying here? How should we pray differently than we normally do?

APPLY

How does Jesus redeem you? What does that qualify you for?

Share

How have you been ministered to by being in your small group? As a group, how can you increase your ministry towards each other?

Grow

Based on what you have studied today, in prayer: What might you be able to confess? What can you praise God for who He is? What can you thank Him for? Finally, take prayer requests and pray for each other. Have someone pray Paul's prayer before closing.