

## **Sunday Message Meditation**

Text: Colossians 1:1-15

Message Meditation:

1. In Colossians chapter 1, it is revealed that Paul prays (1:3-14) for a people he has never met (2:1). As he prays for them he thanks God and he makes requests of God on their behalf.
  - a. He thanks God for their faith in Jesus, for their love for one-another, and for their hope which is laid up for them in heaven. They heard the gospel from Epaphras. They believed God and received Jesus. Paul is thankful to God for what He has given them in Christ.
  - b. He prays for these saints that they be filled with the knowledge of God's will, walk worthy of the Lord, bear fruit in every good work and be strengthened with God's power to patiently endure with joy and thanksgiving.
  
2. God is the source of our salvation and our spiritual growth. Just as we received Christ Jesus as Lord, we want to continue to walk in Him (Col. 2:6). For our spiritual growth we are not looking for something other than all that we have been provided in Jesus. He is sufficient. He supplies. He satisfies. He is supreme (1:15-23)

Message Application:

1. When you pray for other people, what do you typically pray for?
  
2. What do you learn from the Apostle Paul's prayer regarding praying for others?
  
3. What do you learn from Paul's prayer concerning your own position and progress in the faith? (When you pray, what do you find yourself most thankful for, and most dependent upon God for?)
  
4. What joy and encouragement does Hebrews 10:14 provide you?