

- I. A prayer for what we need to know (Iv. 9)
 - A. For God to give us complete knowledge of his will
 - B. For God to give us spiritual wisdom

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault.” (James 1:5)

- C. For God to give us spiritual understanding
- II. A prayer for how we need to live (v. 10-11)
 - A. To live a life that honors God

“Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” (Philippians 1:27)

- B. To seek in everything to please God

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light and find out what pleases the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:8-10)

- C. To bring glory to God be living fruitful lives

“I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

- D. To grow in our personal knowledge of God

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

- E. To be strengthened by God’s mighty power

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.” (Ephesians 3:16)

- F. To exercise great endurance to continue on
 - G. To develop patience in the face of trials

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)

- H. To be filled with the joy of Jesus

- III. A prayer for a thankful spirit (v. 12-14)

- A. For God qualifying us to share in the inheritance of God’s holy people

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working of the Lord, not for men, since you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.” (Colossians 3:23-24)

B. For God rescuing us from the kingdom of darkness

C. For God welcoming us into the kingdom of light

D. For God purchasing our freedom in Christ

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver and gold that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ.” (I Peter 1:18)

E. For God forgiving all our sins

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” (Ephesians 1:7)