

Here are some questions to consider as you study Colossians 1:9–14:

- This passage expresses Paul’s prayer for the Colossian church. What are similarities it shares with your prayers? Differences? How does this prayer encourage you to pray for you church family?
- Verse 9 tells us Paul prays for them to be filled with knowledge, but what kind? And to what end? (*Hint: v10 gives a good idea.*)
- What does it mean to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord? (*Hint: look at all the -ing words that follow.*)
- How does being filled with the knowledge of God’s will lead to:
  - Bearing fruit?
  - Increasing in the knowledge of God?
  - Being strengthened?
  - Giving thanks to God?
- What's the best source of the knowledge of God's will? How can we not only pray but actively encourage one another to access this wisdom? (*Hint: Do we just tell people to read the Bible more? Or can we do other things, too?*)
- How does vv13–14 “put a bow” on the rationale of Paul’s prayer here? In other words, why does Paul remind the Colossians of Christ’s work in light of how he prays for them? Where can we go to be reminded of Christ’s work? Why must that be the foundation for “walking in a manner worthy of the Lord”?