

THE ULTIMATE WHY

Living Our Lives
For God's Glory

COLOSSIANS 3:17



THE WHY OF THE GOSPEL Colossians 1:1-14

1. The Knowledge - His Will [COL. 1:9]

- a. Spiritual Wisdom
- b. Understanding

2. The Journey - Walking Worthy [Col. 1:10-11]

- a. Impact: Bearing fruit → good works [10b]
- b. Increase: Knowledge of God [10c]
- c. Influence: Power/Patient Endurance ⇌ Joy [11]

3. The Inheritance - Thanksgiving [Col. 1:12-14]

- a. *Delivered* from darkness [13a]
- b. *Transferred* to the Kingdom of Jesus [13b]
- c. *Redeemed* by his blood [13c]
- d. *Forgiven* of sins [14]

Discussion Questions

1. Read Col. 1:3-7. In these verses we see that Epaphras was effective in discipling the people of Colosse (see verse 7). Were you discipled as a new believer? Have you ever discipled a new believer?
2. Read Col. 1:9-14. What do you like best about Paul's prayer for the Colossians? How have you seen prayer make an impact in your life and in the lives of others? [CSBLCSB]
3. Read Colossians 1:13. In this verse Paul mentions the "domain of darkness." What is the domain of darkness? Where do we get the resources to overcome the domain of darkness and where do we learn about them? [See Ephesians 6:10-20 for help]
4. Do you have someone who prays for you on a daily basis? If so, pray for God to bless them as they lift you up. If not, pray that God will help you discern a person to approach about taking that role in your life.

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8: Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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TAKING A DEEPER LOOK AT WHO WE ARE,
WHAT WE DO, AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO