

More Like Jesus - Kristian Stanfill

You came to the world You created /
Trading Your crown for a cross /
You willingly died /
Your innocent life paid the cost /

Counting Your stature as nothing /
The King of all kings came to serve /
Washing my feet /
Covering me with Your love

If more of You means less of me /
Take ev'rything /
Yes, all of You is all I need

You are my life and my treasure /
The One that I can't live without /
Here at Your feet /
My desires and dreams
I lay down

Oh Lord, change me like only You can /
Here with my heart in Your hands
Father I pray make me more like Jesus /
This world is dying to know who You are /
You've shown us the way to Your heart /
So, Father I pray make me more like Jesus

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Colossians 1.9-14
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Introduction

- Verse 9 sets up the rest of the passage: ⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you...
- The NIV says, “for this reason” which begs two questions: What is the _____ for Paul’s prayer and what is the content of this prayer?
- The motivation of this prayer is that the _____ of the preaching of the Gospel described in verses 3-8 would yield a crop 100-fold.
- The rest of this passage explains how this can happen. The question that gets answered in verses 10-14 is this: how can followers of Christ _____?

Main Points: we can develop as disciples of Christ by...

1. being _____ with the _____ of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
 - John 14.25-26

the verb “filled” appears in the _____ tense, thus making the action the work of God in our lives, we still play a role in this.

Proverbs 1.7; Hebrews 5.12-14

2. _____ in a manner _____ of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:

a. bearing fruit in every good work

Matt. 5.16; John 15.8; Rom. 13.3; 2Cor. 9.8; Gal. 6.10; Eph. 2.10, 4.1; Phil. 1.27; 1Thess. 2.12; 1Peter 2.12

b. increasing in the knowledge of God

• Eph. 1.17; 1Peter 1.2-3

c. being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

a. Eph. 3.16; 1Cor. 16.3; Phil. 4.13

d. giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

a. Gal. 3.29ff; Rom. 8.17; Eph. 3.6; Heb.9.15

b. Eph 5.20

3.: _____ that -- 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.

While the Israelites were delivered from the Egyptian Empire all who call upon the name of the Lord are delivered from the dominion of darkness. It is to this dominion that Jesus refers at his arrest in the Garden in Luke 22.53

We have _____, not earned, redemption. The effects of the Fall are _____. The guilt and shame of sin is removed, and we are made _____ in Christ.

“The harsh rule of the prince of darkness has been exchanged for the wise sovereignty of God’s Son (cf. Rom. 5:21; 6:16ff.). Paul shares with other New Testament writers, and with Jesus himself, the belief in the existence of a dark power to whom the human race, and the world, is subject because of sin—and the belief that, in Jesus Christ, God has defeated this power and is establishing his own kingdom in its place.”¹

Conclusion

Paul states clearly that he is praying for the Colossians to grow in their faith, becoming more mature disciples/followers of Christ

How can we develop into mature believers? By _____ more about God, putting that knowledge into _____, and by embracing the love and grace demonstrated at the cross. May we _____ what God has done for us.

May we never grow weary in our quest to become more like Jesus. Amen.

¹ Wright, N. T. (1986). [*Colossians and Philemon: an introduction and commentary*](#) (Vol. 12, pp. 65-66). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.