

LIVING A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD.

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Colossians 1:9b-14-NIV

9...We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,
10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,
11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,
12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.
13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1. KNOWING GOD'S WILL: HELPS US TO LIVE RIGHT FOR HIM.

(so we pray) ...Verse 10...*so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way:* bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...

Salvation is solely the work of Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 2:8-9

"for it is by grace you have been saved *through faith* - and this is *not from yourselves*, it is *the gift of God* - *not by works*, so that no one can boast'

2. KNOWING GOD'S WILL: HELPS US TO KNOW HIM MORE BY PRODUCING HIS CHARACTER TRAITS IN OUR LIVES.

Verse 10b *"...bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God..."*

3. KNOWING HIS WILL, HAVING HIS CHARACTER IN US, COMES BY HIS STRENGTH IN US...TO DO WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO.

Verse 11 *...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...*

2nd Peter 1:3-NIV

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

4. WALKING IN HIS WILL: KEEPS US IN HIS LIGHT AND OUT OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD.

Verse 12-14...*and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

dominion - idea of being dominated as a slave under a dictator.