

## What Does God Want? Colossians 1:1-12

### I. Introduction to Colossians

- Who wrote it?
- Who received it?
- How is the author connected to the audience?

### II. How should we respond to Paul's Prayer?

#### A. We should thank God for what \_\_\_\_\_ accomplishes. (1:3-8)

1. Thanksgiving is offered TO \_\_\_\_\_. (1:3)
  2. Thanksgiving is offered IN RESPONSE TO \_\_\_\_\_ that there are Christians somewhere, and that they have begun to show love for other Christians. (1:4)
  3. Thanksgiving is offered BECAUSE of a certain \_\_\_\_\_ reserved in \_\_\_\_\_. (1:5-8)
    - a) *The true Gospel offers hope (1:5)*
      - (1) Thank God because it is His \_\_\_\_\_.
      - (2) Thank God that \_\_\_\_\_ paid the price; this makes the hope \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b) *You've believed the Gospel (1:6)*
      - (1) Thank God because He saved you when you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
      - (2) Thank God because His word brings forth its intended fruit \_\_\_\_\_ it goes.
    - c) *A faithful servant of Christ invested in you with the Gospel (1:7-8)*
      - (1) Thank God because He \_\_\_\_\_ the evangelist.
      - (2) Thank God because the evangelist grew to have the same compassion for you that \_\_\_\_\_ does, and so served Christ.
      - (3) Thank God because He used the evangelist to accomplish His purpose: to \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.
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ANSWER #1 - God wants you, and He wants you \_\_\_\_\_.

B. We should seek to \_\_\_\_\_ God's will and \_\_\_\_\_ in God's will. (1:9-12)

1. God wants you to know what He \_\_\_\_\_. (1:9)

2. A knowledge of His will can empower you to \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (1:10-12)

A believer who pleases God walks...

- ...fruitfully in \_\_\_\_\_. (1:10 b)

- ...as a \_\_\_\_\_ of His will. (1:10 c)

- ...with the \_\_\_\_\_ God supplies. (1:11)

- ...in thankfulness to his \_\_\_\_\_. (1:12)

3. Paul wrote this book to help meet the need & accomplish the goal set forth in the prayer.

a) *The clear theme is Jesus Christ as totally **supreme** and **sufficient**.*

- Key passages on Jesus Christ: 1:13-21, 2:9-15

b) *Basic outline of the book to aid in reading it well.*

I. Greeting **(1:1-2)**

II. Introduction—Paul's Prayer **(1:3-12)**

III. Doctrine – Christ is all you need **(1:13-2:23)**

A. The main thing: the value of Christ in Christianity (1:13-2:7)

B. The warnings: don't be fooled and miss out on Christ (2:8-2:23)

IV. Practice – Enjoying life in Christ **(3:1-4:6)**

A. The inner-life in Christ (3:1-3:17)

B. The outer-life in Christ (3:18-4:6)

V. Conclusion **(4:7-18)**

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ANSWER #2 - God wants you, and He wants you \_\_\_\_\_.