

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 7/26/2026

“Praying for Fruit: Learning from Paul’s Prayer for the Church at Colossae” Colossians 1:9-14

Special 2026 series: *Redeemed People...Pray the Word*

I. We pray for God-centered _____ (9).

- A. May God enable you to know His _____.
- B. May God grant you spiritual _____ and understanding.

II. We pray for God-pleasing _____ (10-14).

- A. We need to be _____ good fruit (10a).
- B. We need to be _____ to know God better (10b).
- C. We need to be _____ with His power (11).
- D. We need to be _____ thanks to our Heavenly Father (12-14).
 - 1. He has _____ us to share His inheritance (12).
 - 2. He has _____ us from the domain of darkness (13a).
 - 3. He has _____ us into the kingdom of His Son (13b).
 - 4. He has _____ us (14a).
 - 5. He has _____ us (14b).

Make It Personal: Let’s ask ourselves these questions.

- 1. Is doing the will of God what _____ most to me?
- 2. Is there evidence that I am _____ God with my life?
- 3. Am I _____ for what God did to make this possible?

Community Group Questions:

- 1. This morning’s message was entitled, “*Praying for Fruit: Learning from Paul’s Prayer for the Church at Colossae.*” What is an orchard? What happens in an orchard that makes fruit possible?
- 2. In Colossians 1:9-14 Paul prays for a church he has never personally visited. One of his main prayer requests is that they *bear fruit*. After reading the passage, discuss together this question. What specific things would be an answer to this *prayer for fruit*? In other words, if God answered this specific prayer, what would be the evidence of it?
- 3. Let’s spend time now praying for fruit in our church family, as well as in our own families and lives. Don’t rush this prayer time. Have several people offer specific prayer requests as well as thanksgiving, following Paul’s example in his prayer for the Colossians.