

Why Do We Pray?



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There are many reasons we can cite that causes one to pray. Let's name some:

1. Personal reasons
2. Trouble

Colossians

Colossians was written along with Philemon during Paul's imprisonment about 59 A. D., most likely in Rome.

Purpose of the book:

1. To express his interest in the Colossians walk with Christ.
2. To assert the preeminence of Christ against false teaching.
3. To give the Colossians Divine directives concerning a ritualistic teaching (Jewish legalism).

Overall Outline of the Epistle:

- I. The Person and Work of Christ – 1:1-2:3
- II. The Position and Repute of the Body of Christ – 2:4-3:4
- III. The Practices of a Life in Christ – 3:5-4:18

Col 1:1-8

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. NKJV

PAUL'S REASONING TO PRAY—thanksgiving.

- ❖ The Calling
- ❖ The Companions
- ❖ The Citizenship
- ❖ The Charis (grace)

- The course of his thanksgiving, 1:3b
- The communication of his thanksgiving, 1:3c
- The core of his thanksgiving, 1:4-8
 - ✓ Reference of their faith
 - ✓ Reference of their Love
 - ✓ Reference of their Hope
 - Reason
 - Reward
 - Report