

# COLOSSIANS – 1:6-12

*“...that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will  
in all wisdom and spiritual understanding:”*

- Colossians 1:9

## 1. 1:5-6 - The Hope and Truth

- a. Hope is not a wish *def.* The unseen expectation of good evidenced by faith
- b. “all the world” - Mat 24:14, 28:19, Mark 16:15 *compared to* Rom 16:25, Col 1:6,23
- c. Fruit and the gospel - It works, if it is worked out. It is profitable. Rom 6:21-22
- d. There is a gain in godliness - 1 Tim 4:8, 6:5-6

## 2. 1:7-8 - A Faithful Minister

- a. Epaphras - Only mentioned three times - 1:7, 4:12, Phm 23
- b. Faithful ministers - Faithfulness is highly valued by God - 2 Tim 2:2
- c. It is required in stewards - 1 Cor 4:2
- d. How to do it? It requires integrity - 1 Tim 4:6, Titus 1:9, Eph 4:15
- e. Love in the Spirit - love is part of the fruit of the Spirit walk - Gal 5:22, 2 Tim 1:7

## 3. 1:9 - Filled with Knowledge

- a. The cause of further fruit in the gospel - Rom 1:13, Phil 1:9-11, 2:12
- b. The importance of hearing - Eph 1:13, 1 Thess 2:13, Rom 10:17, Col 1:4,5,6
- c. Their prayers are not for wealth, health, and traveling mercies - Rom 8:26
- d. Paul does not pray beggarly, but bows for spiritual fruit - Eph 1:17-18, 3:14,16
- e. Before he prays for others, it grows in him - Rom 15:30, Phil 4:11
- f. Filled with knowledge - 1 Tim 2:4, Eph 5:17 → fulfilled in Col 2:3, 3:10
- g. The knowledge of the mystery of Christ → Eph 1:9, 3:4
- h. Wisdom is the proper use of knowledge obtained by understanding

## 4. 1:10-12 - Results of Understanding God’s Will

- a. Walking comes after understanding - Mat 25:21? Or... according to 1 Cor 3:13
- b. Pleasing God is a result of the gospel message - Micah 4:5, Col 2:6, 1Thes 2:12
- c. Strengthened in the inner man - Eph 3:16, Phil 4:13,
- d. The power is not to overcome, but to submit - 2 Cor 4:7-10, 12:9-10
- e. Patience, longsuffering, and joy - these are the fruits of the Spirit - Rom 5:2
- f. Thankfulness towards God - the attitude that begets charity - Col 3:17
- g. Made us meet - It is Christ’s work that makes us complete - Col 2:10, Phil 2:13
- h. The inheritance - We are heirs with Christ - Rom 8:17, Eph 3:6, Titus 3:7
- i. The saints in light - “Ye are light in the Lord” - Eph 5:8, 2 Cor 4:6