



**Calvary Chapel South Bay  
Men's Ministry 2018 – 19**

**“Putting Christ First”**

**Session 2**

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**“Putting Jesus first brings growth”**

Paul doesn't **“cease to pray”** for the Colossians just because they have begun to bring forth fruit from receiving the Gospel. One of the issues he was dealing with in this Letter was the diminishing of Christ as the all in all. Jesus will lose the place of supremacy in our lives also if we don't have a keep-moving-forward type of attitude. Knowing this, Paul prays that the Colossians will continue to grow in the knowledge of their Lord and Savior; and do it in such a way that their **“walk”** will be worthy of Jesus Christ. Putting Christ first isn't simply a mental agreement or philosophical acknowledgement; it is something that must be lived out in our daily life. If we have truly put Christ first, growth is inevitable. In this passage, Paul shows the ways we need to grow in Christ, how that happens, and why we should seek to walk and work for His pleasure.

**Passage:** Colossians 1:9-14

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:9**

What does Paul **“ask”** for the Colossians in his prayers?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:10**

What four things will **“wisdom and spiritual understanding”**, as it relates to God's will, help us to do?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:10**

What does v.10 reveal to you about what happens to our knowledge of Christ when we obey His will, and begin to walk and work for His pleasure?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:11**

By what means does all this outward growth happen in our lives? What is produced in us as God works this out in our lives?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:12**

What should be our attitude in all this, seeing that it is all God's will and God's power that is accomplishing the growth in us?

**Scripture: Colossians 1:12-14**

What are all the things listed in these verses that Jesus has done for us, (which should drive us to desire to walk worthy of and please Him)?

### **Personal meditation time with Jesus:**

Consider from this passage how by putting God's will into action, we actually come to know Him better. Do you want to grow in Christ? Do you want to go deeper with Him? Do you want people to see Christ in you by the way you "walk"; the way you live your life? Then join the apostle Paul in his prayer, and spend some time asking God that you would be daily "***filled with the knowledge of His will***" and "***strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power.***"

### **Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

Colossians 1:9