“Walking Worthy”
Colossians 1:9-14

We as Christians should be willing to (1) commit ourselves to The Word of God (2) be willing to submit to the will of God (3) be willing to submit to doing the work of God and (4) be willing to submit to be a witness for God.

I. Pray for one another – what do you pray for? Pray that we will “be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding” – (v. 9)

Knowledge of His will – knowing what God desires us to do based on His Word

Spiritual wisdom and understanding – ability to gain Biblical principles and to live out those principles in your life every day

II. Walk (live) worthy – (v. 10) live in a way that is agreement with who Jesus is – He willingly submitted Himself to the will of The Father – we too should willingly submit ourselves to the will of The Father –

What is the will of The Father? (look at the rest of v. 10) 1. Pleasing Him in all respects 2. bearing fruit in every good work 3. Increasing in the knowledge of God

Only what you do for Christ will last (pleasing Him) – leading others to Christ, praising Him, giving of our resources, living a godly life by demonstrating godly attitudes – this is all brought about through growing spiritually

III. Trust God to provide power - our strength (power) comes from God alone – (v. 11) –

According to His glorious might – spiritual power is given to all those who will discipline their minds and spirits to study the Word in order to be approved by God, gaining wisdom in the process, and living by it (wisdom gained) in their lives every day

For the attaining of all steadfastness and patience – these two words are connected by reference as to the kind of attitude one has during trials – patience has to do with enduring difficult situations or circumstances – steadfastness has to do with enduring people who are difficult to deal with

IV. Giving thanks joyfully to The Father – (v. 12) – the rest of the verse explains why –

God The Father has made us sufficient due to the finished work of His Son to receive by divine grace the full inheritance Christ receives by divine right.

V. Walk worthy because He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us – Christians are no longer under the dominion of evil but are now under the generous, gracious rule of Jesus – (v. 13)

VI. Walk worthy because we have been redeemed and forgiven of all of our sins – past, present, and future – (v. 14)