

Love *isn't* All You Need!

Colossians 1:9-14

New Testament Prayers

Col 1:1-8 ‘Remember Who Jesus is!’

**Col 1:9-14 ‘Love *isn't* All You Need!’
(...after all)**

Colossians 1:1-8

Praying, Thanking God...

- Always
- With Thanks
- Because of Hope
- By Grace
- In Truth

The Theme of Colossians

“If Jesus is all you have...

You have all you need!”

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- **the knowledge of His will** in all
- **spiritual wisdom** and
- **understanding...**

Jesus

Matthew 22 – The greatest commandment!

John 13:34-5

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John

1 John 4:7-8

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and every one who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

Peter

1 Peter 4:8

“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.”

Paul

1 Corinthians 13 '... the greatest of these is love!'

Ephesians 5:1-2 'Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.'

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**Knowing the Lord Jesus *is also*
what you need!**

Colossians 2:8 'Beware!'

Col 2:16-17 - legalists

Col 2:18-19 - mystics

Col 2:20-23 - ascetics

2 Peter 1:5-7

(v 5) 'Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, *knowledge*;

(v 6) and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness;

(v 7) and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, *love*.

(v 8) For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Progressive Christianity

‘Progressive Christians have a deep belief in the centrality of the instruction to "love one another" (John 15:17) within the teachings of Jesus Christ. This leads to a focus on promoting values such as compassion, justice, mercy, and tolerance, often through political activism.’

Progressive Christianity

‘Progressive Christianity is an open, intelligent and collaborative approach to the Christian tradition and the life and teachings of Jesus that create pathways into an authentic and relevant religious experience.’

Progressive Christianity

‘We promote an understanding of Christian practice and teaching that leads to a *greater concern for the way people treat each other than for the way people express their beliefs*, the acceptance of all people, and a respect for other religious traditions.’

**(but, no Savior! A high view of God’s people;
low view of Jesus)**

Progressive Christianity

‘We affirm the variety and depth of human experience and the richness of each person’s search for meaning, and we encourage the use of sound scholarship, critical inquiry, and all intellectual powers to understand the presence of God in human life.’

(but, no Scripture! A high view of God’s people; low view of God’s Word)

Progressive Christianity

‘We are opposed to any exclusive dogma that limits the search for truth and free inquiry, and we encourage work that eases the pain, suffering and degradation inherent in many of the structures of society, as well as work that keeps central to the Christian life fair, open, peaceful, and loving treatment of all human beings.

(but, no Sin! A high view of MY freedom; low view of God’s Authority and His Truth)

Colossians 1:8-14

(v 8 -9) Be filled (fill your Mind) with...

- His WILL, in all of
- His WISDOM and
- His UNDERSTANDING ...

Colossians 1:8-14

Praying, Asking...

➤ **Know Christ!**

Colossians 1:8-14

Praying, Asking...

- **Know Christ!**
- **Walk worthy of Him**

Colossians 1:8-14

Praying, Asking...

- Know Christ!
- Walk worthy of Him
- Fully Please Him

Colossians 1:8-14

Praying, Asking...

- Know Christ!
- Walk worthy of Him
- Fully Please Him
- Bear Fruit for Him

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Praying, Asking...

- Know Christ!
- Walk worthy of Him
- Fully Please Him
- Bear Fruit for Him
- Know Christ more deeply

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Praying, Asking...

- Know Christ!
- Walk worthy of Him
- Fully Please Him
- Bear Fruit for Him
- Know Christ more deeply
- Grow Strong in Him

Ephesians 1:17-23

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a **spirit of wisdom** and of **revelation** in the **knowledge of Him**. ¹⁸ *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened*, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about **in Christ**, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and made Him head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Colossians 1:12-14

And what's the result of a balanced *heart* full of loving Christ and a *mind* full of knowing Him?

“Joyously giving thanks to the Father...”

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