

With the Master and Nothing Else!—Lesson 4—Colossians 1:12-14—Thanks for What? (Part 2 of Paul's Prayer for the church at Colossae)

1. Read Colossians 1:9-14, and then rewrite Paul's prayer for the Colossians in your own words.
2. Memorize Colossians 1:12, 13 or 14.
3. (a) Compare and contrast Paul's prayer for the Colossians (1:9-14) with Paul's prayer for the Philippians (1:9-11). What things do you notice that are the same? (b) What things are different?
4. (a) According to the following verses, what was your life like before you became a Christian? See Romans 1:18; 3:10-18; Ephesians 2:1; 1 John 5:19. (b) What happened at the moment you were saved according to Romans 6:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Ephesians 2:5? (c) What do you now possess, according to Romans 8:16-17 and 2 Corinthians 5:21? (d) What is your response to all of this?
5. (a) Read Leviticus chapter 16. What preparations were required to be made for the Day of Atonement? (b) What animals were used? (c) What was done to those animals? (d) What specifically would happen to the scapegoat? (e) What did this represent? (See Hebrews chapter 9 for additional help.) (f) How does this help you understand Colossians 1:14?
6. (a) What does having your sins forgiven mean to you? (b) How has it changed the way you live?
7. Ask God for an opportunity this week to share with someone how they can know the blessings of having their sins forgiven. Come prepared to share the results of that conversation.
8. Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the new life you have in Christ.