



What Maturity Looks Like

Colossians 1:1-14

I don't know about you but: *I would love to win the "maturity lottery!"*

From: Paul and Timothy—apostle and brother. **To:** The saints who are faithful brothers and sisters in Colossae. (vv. 1, 2)

First, I thank God for your amazing maturity! (vv 3-8)

- Your steady faith in Christ Jesus.
- Your steady love for all the saints.
- Your unshakable hope laid up in heaven which causes your faith and love.
- Your embrace of the truth of the Good News about Jesus.

Second, I pray continually that you will grow—thriving in the process! (vv 9-12)

#1 Filled with the *knowledge* of God's will, spiritual wisdom and understanding.

#2 Live a *lifestyle* worthy of the Lord and pleasing Him in everything.

#3 Bear *fruit* in every good deed.

#4 *Increase* in knowledge of God, strength, faithfulness, patience, and gratitude.

Third, this is all because of God's radical salvation of you. (vv 13, 14)

- Delivered from the power of darkness.
- Transferred to the Kingdom of the Son He loves.
- Redeemed from the slave market of sin.
- Completely forgiven for our sins.

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Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

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- **Sunday:** Please read and reflect on Colossians 1:1, 2. What are the truths about the Christian life that Paul reveals in these verses? What are the applications for you?
- **Monday:** Please read and reflect on Colossians 1:3-8. How is spiritual health and maturity defined in these 6 verses?
- **Tuesday:** Please read and reflect on Colossians 1:9-12. What is the “spiritual chain of events” that Paul describes here for the life of a thriving believer? Reflect on the chronological order of the links in the chain and consider any applications for your life.
- **Wednesday:** Please read and reflect on Colossians 1:13, 14. In Paul’s argument here in Colossians 1 he is saying that the spiritual growth and health in the Colossian believers is all built on the foundation of what God did for us in Christ—summarized here in verses 13 and 14. According to these two verses what did He do for us? How do the things God has done for us spiritually lead to the kinds of maturity and impact that Paul has been describing in verses 3-12?
- **Thursday:** What is “the truth of the Good News about Jesus?” Have you accepted this truth? If you have not is there anything keeping you from trusting Christ for forgiveness right now? If you have received this truth about Jesus is this truth fresh in your life or has it grown stale?
- **Friday:** What does it look like to “radically embrace” the truth of the Good News about Jesus?
- **Saturday:** Please take some time to write your thoughts on the question of, “What benefits would come to me and to God and to others if my life were to be one of radical maturity and spiritual health?”