PC, MC, SW, UMC 3-7-2021 #3 - Colossians 1:9-14

## God's will for you-all

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Colossians 1:9

General Prayer is asking God-		
Specific Prayer is asking God-		

"SPIRITUAL GROWTH" takes place in our lives when we allow God to fill us and transform us. Colossians 1:10-11.

Paul says "We pray this "in order that" or "so that:"

- You-all may live a life worthy of the Lord.
- You-all may please Him in every way.
- You-all may bear fruit in every good work you do.
- You-all may be strengthened with all of God's power.
- You-all may have endurance and patience.

Paul wraps up his prayer, in verses 12-14, with a reminder of all that God the Father has done for us who are Christians.

- ⇒ The Father has <u>qualified us-all</u> to share in the inheritance of the saints, the kingdom of light.
- ⇒ The Father has rescued us-all from the dominion of darkness.

⇒ The Father has <u>brought us-all</u> into the Kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sin." Colossians 1:12-14

Do you want to be filled with the knowledge of God's will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding? YES NO

If YES then ASKING God to fill us with the knowledge of His will is where we have to start.

It will only happen if we come to the Lord our God in prayer and admit humbly that unless the Lord builds this house our labor is in vain.

Psalm 127:1

It will only happen if as the prophet wrote in 2Chronicles 2: 14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

It will only happen if we are willing to start where Jesus told us to start in Matthew 6:33

To seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and then God promises to do His part.

I will commit to pray and ask God to fill me and this church with the knowledge of God's will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding so that we can be the witness God has called us to be.

I pray this in order that: we may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, (so that we will be) strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that we may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.