Sunday 8th November 2026
Fruitfulness in Colossians
Being a Mouthpiece of Truth & Justice
Colossians 1:9-14

Welcome

Can you remember a time when you got into trouble as a child? What did you do and what were the consequences? Or was one of your siblings the 'naughty one'?!

> *Today, we're looking at 'Being a Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice', speaking up for right living & fair dealings so that things become more in line with God's ways.*

Word

Read Colossians 1:9-14

1. What are the specific things Paul prays for the Colossians to receive or experience in verses 9–11? List them.

In these verses Paul continues the prayer he started in the previous verses. He is praying for the Colossians and gives some hints as to what fruitfulness might look like. On Sunday we looked at 4 things, we look at each of those 4 things now.

A. Filled with Knowledge (verse 9)

1. Paul prays that we may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and understanding. Discuss what the 'will of God' is all about?
2. How does biblical knowledge differ from just gathering facts or information?

B. Living for God (verse 10)

3. Verse 10 mentions living a "life worthy of the Lord". Based on the verses surrounding it, what does this kind of life actually look like?
4. "Bearing fruit in every good work". What attitude should we approach our work with? What are some more good works we can do? Are there good works we can do for people in the Church?
5. "Increasing in knowing God" (10) Practically, how can we grow to know God more, not just know about Him? Share some practical suggestions.

C. Strengthened with Power (verse 11)

6. Verses 11 talks about being "strengthened with all power" for "endurance and patience." Why do you think we need supernatural power just to be patient and endure?
7. What situations in your life, on your frontline do you need strength to endure? How can you grow in your patience? (Remember these situations you can pray for each other later)

D. Giving thanks to God (verse 12-14)

8. According to verses 12–14, what has God already done for them (and us)?
9. How do you keep being grateful? Do you not feel very grateful sometimes? What makes you like this? Practically, what should you do if you stop being thankful?
10. Paul uses the word 'rescued' in verse 13. What does the word 'rescued' tell us about our own ability to save ourselves?

Looking at verses 9-14 as a whole:

11. How often do you pray in the manner that Paul prayed for the Colossians - either for yourself or for other people? Should you use this kind of prayer more? Why or why not?

Being a Mouthpiece of Truth & Justice

12. What instances of injustice or untruth have you seen on your frontline recently (it may be only small things)?
13. What are some of the issues that might prevent you from speaking out on your frontline?
14. Do you think that you can have an impact by speaking up on your Frontline?
15. On our frontlines, all of us will have found ourselves in conversations where the person we are talking to is saying something unkind (whether true or not) about someone else. Are there any tactics that you have found useful in these situations that have enabled you to stand up for truth and justice?

Optional Extra 1

Compare Paul's prayer in verse 3-8 with his prayer in verse 9-14 (see the table overleaf):

GIVING THANKS (3-8)	PRAYING (9-14)
since the day we heard (6)	since the day we heard (9)
thanks (3)	giving thanks (12)
always (3)	not stopped (9)
when we pray (3)	praying for you (9)
understand (6)	knowledge (9,10)
bearing fruit and growing (6)	bearing fruit and growing (10)

In verses 3-8 Paul is giving thanks for what the Colossians are already doing. In verses 8-14 he then prays for them – as you can see from the table many of the things he prays for he has already said they are doing. Discuss why you think Paul prays for what the Colossians are already doing? How does this agree with the main idea of Colossians in 2:6-7?

Optional Extra 2

Think about Elijah, Jeremiah & Stephen in the Bible. How were they a mouthpiece for truth and justice and was it risky for them?

Worship & Witness

Spend a few minutes in silent reflection. Think about the injustices and untruths that you see on your frontline

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Modelling godly character
Making good work
Ministering grace and love
Moulding culture
Being a **M**outhpiece of truth and justice
Being a **M**essenger of the gospel