# **Colossians: Doctrines, Dangers and Duty!**



"A Prisoner's Prayer!" | Dan Moran Sunday, October 13, 2024 @ 10:30AM | Worship Center

#### Scripture Focus: Colossians 1:18

He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

#### Jesus Christ is preeminent over all!

#### Scripture Focus: Colossians 1:9-12

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

## Three Requests in the Prayer from Paul

## He prayed for spiritual intelligence. (1:9)

• God wants you to know and understand. (Acts 22:14) (Eph. 5:17)

## He prayed for practical obedience. (1:10)

- Spiritual knowledge and obedience go together.
- There is no separation between learning and living. (Colossians 1:28; 2:3; 3:16; 4:5)

## He prayed for moral excellence. (1:11-12)

• Wisdom and conduct should always be related to moral character.

### Four Characteristics of a Maturing Christian

- Patience
- Long-suffering
- Joyfulness
- Thankfulness