

Colossians 1:9-10

"Spiritual Wisdom & Understanding"

Intro: False teaching that 'spreads like gangrene'

-Contending with unbiblical philosophies: Nothing new for the church of Jesus Christ.

-Several of the unbiblical philosophies that plague our society: Found in the book of Ecclesiastes

-The unbiblical heresy and philosophy that the Colossians were up against: Likely an early form of Gnosticism with some Jewish mysticism and legalism sprinkled in.

*We, like Paul, must pray that we and our brothers and sisters in Christ might be _____ with _____ and _____ from the word of God.

-Paul's prayers for the Colossians: 'Immediate'

-A great motivation to give praise to God: Hearing the great testimony of how God's saving grace came to other people who are now Christians.

-The 'knowledge of God's will': Refers to God's moral will, which is revealed to us in the special revelation of sacred Scripture.

-The only way to be filled with the knowledge of God's will: Being filled with the knowledge of God's word.

-Some so-called 'wisdom': Earthly instead of heavenly, carnal instead of spiritual, demonic instead of divine.

-Many churches today: Infiltrated by false teaching and unbiblical philosophies.

-The Christian's 'walk': Refers to the totality of his or her life.

-A crucial reminder: Where there is saving faith in Jesus Christ there will always be good works that flow out of the believer's heart.

-A good prayer to pray for the church today: That the church would be filled with spiritual wisdom and understanding.

-Personal Application: