

# SERMON OUTLINE Colossians 1:9-14

God Provides What He Requires

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## **GOD PROVIDES WHAT HE REQUIRES TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (9-12)**

*God Provides Knowledge of His Will for the Christian Life (9)*

*God Provides All Spiritual Wisdom and Understanding for the Christian Life (9)*

*God Provides All Power and His Glorious Might for the Christian Life (10)*

*God Provides Endurance for the Christian Life (11)*

*God Provides Joy for the Christian Life (11)*

*God Provides Thanksgiving for the Christian Life (12)*

## **GOD PROVIDES WHAT HE REQUIRES TO BEGIN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (12-14)**

*God Delivers from the Kingdom of Darkness (13)*

*God Transfers into Christ's Kingdom (12, 13)*

*God Redeems (14)*

*God Forgives Sins (14)*

# SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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## MAIN POINT

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The big idea of this passage is that from the beginning to the end of the Christian life, God gives His people all we need to live lives worthy of and fully pleasing to Him. And the main takeaway is to work hard at all that God has commanded us to do in the faith and strength He provides.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What is the hardest thing someone has told you to do? Have any of you been told to do something you didn't think was even possible? If so, how did you respond? Did you even try? What made you think it was impossible?
3. What is the most "impossible" command you know of in the Bible?
4. When you hear the idea that God provides what He requires, what comes to mind? Does that sound comforting? Confusing?
5. How often do you pray that God would reveal His will for your life? What have you learned about that these past two weeks?
6. Do you feel as if you have all the wisdom you need to honor God in the decisions before you? What do you do when you don't?
7. Can you name a time in which you felt God's power strengthening you to do His will? Have you ever felt like that was missing?
8. On a scale of 1-10, how often do you primarily feel joy and thankfulness in your trials?
9. Did you ever think the idea of being born into the kingdom of darkness was foolish? What changes that for you?
10. Can you name any specific ways that being in the kingdom of Jesus, in the kingdom of light, shapes how you live now?
11. What is the greatest (non-Jesus) redemption story you know?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

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13. Read straight through the entire book of Colossians.
14. Begin memorizing Colossians 1:15-20.
15. Pick one, specific, biblical command to obey this week. Intentionally ask God to fill you with the wisdom, understanding, power, endurance, joy, and thanksgiving you need to obey it in a manner worthy of and pleasing to God.
16. Share the gospel with someone you love.
17. Make and share a playlist of songs that celebrate the inheritance of the saints in Jesus' kingdom of light.
18. Ask someone to tell you one thing they got from this sermon and one way to pray for them in light of it.
19. Pick one specific thing you mean to do differently, with the Spirit's help, as a result of the things you heard in this text/sermon.

## PRAYER POINTS

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20. Thank and praise God for providing for you all that He requires of you by grace, through faith, in Jesus.
21. Ask God to grant you knowledge and understanding concerning His will for your life.
22. Ask God to strengthen you for and persevere you in the specific aspects of His will that you must obey today.
23. Ask God to fill you with non-stop joy and thanksgiving in your obedience, no matter your circumstances or the cost.
24. Ask God to transfer you or someone you love from the kingdom of darkness and into Christ's kingdom of light, and ask Him to help you live more fully in light of the fact that He already has.
25. Ask God to fill you with joy and thanksgiving in light of His redeeming work in your life and His forgiveness of your sins.
26. Confess any ways you are trying to accomplish your own redemption or obedience. Confess any ways you are struggling to trust God to do what He's promised. Confess any ways you are not living in light of what God has done for you.