



Thinking Straight and Walking Straight

Colossians 1:9-14

Introduction

1. The Knowledge - Paul's prayer for straight thinking. v. 9
2. The Practice - Paul's expectation for straight walking. v. 10-12a
3. The Source - Paul's gratitude for God's grace. v. 12b-14

Application

Discussion Questions

- Describe what it's like to try to walk in a dark room. What are the dangers?
- When did you first hear the truth of the Gospel in a way that made sense to you?
- What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? Give an example from your own life.
- Paul describes four characteristics of a "worthy walk" in vs. 12-14: bearing fruit, growing in knowledge, gaining patience, thanking joyfully. Which of these areas are strengths of yours and which need attention?
- Look up Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess 5:4-5; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Jn 1:5-7. What do these verses have in common with v.12 and what do they teach us about our new life in Christ?
- What is one "limp" in your life you'd like to see God straighten?