

“Filled and Strengthened by God”

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Key Truth: To bear fruit, we must be filled and strengthened by God.

The Church grows because its people are being transformed into the image of Christ. When Christians are becoming like Christ, growing in his attributes of love for God and one another, holiness, humility, honesty, the fruit of the Spirit, and confidence to evangelize the lost – all those things that come from spiritual transformation – that’s when the Church is truly growing. This isn’t a function of adding programs, or ministries, or church growth strategies. It’s a function of purposeful, Scriptural discipleship, which bears the fruit of growth in Christlikeness. That process takes patience, perseverance, and prayer – the kind of prayer Paul speaks of here in these verses.

DISCUSS

Read **Colossians 1:9-14** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “Filled and Strengthened by God.”

DIG IN

1. Filled with God (Colossians 1:9-10)

What does Paul desire his readers to be filled with (v. 9)? Why is that filling necessary for the believer?

What false teachings were the Colossian Christians being tempted with that would cause them to desire other kinds of knowledge? What kinds of “mystical” knowledge are we often tempted with?

What does this knowledge of God’s will include (see v. 9b)? In what ways will that help the believer live the Christian life?

How does knowing God’s will help us to see how we fit into God’s larger plan?

What are some ways according to these verses that a believer can please God? Can you think of examples from other portions of Scripture?

2. Strengthened by God (Colossians 1:11-14)

Why do we need God’s strengthened to be patient and joyful in the Christian life? How do we gain this strength?

According to verses 12-14, what are the blessings that come in the Christian life? Who is providing these blessings? Why is it important that we know this?

According to these verses, what are some ways we can pray for one another in 2025?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?