

# Paul – Eager to see Others Grow

Colossians 1:3-14

# 1. Overflowing Thankfulness – v.3-8

## a. God at work – through the Gospel

1. They had been forgiven – v.14
2. Rescued from darkness – v.13
3. Giving a glorious inheritance – v.12

## b. The fruit of the Gospel

- \_1. Faith – looking to Jesus
- \_2. Love – evidence of true faith
- \_3. Hope – certain because of God, his promises & the resurrection of Jesus

# 2. Growth in Essential Areas – v.9-14

- a. Ongoing committed praying – v.9
- b. Essential areas for growth
  - 1. Knowledge of God's will – v.9
  - 2. Holiness – v.10
  - 3. Power – v.11,12 - great endurance & patience with joy

# 3. Being a Participant not a Spectator

- a. Don't criticize, give thanks
- b. Pray for growth – knowledge, holiness, power
- c. Plan to pray – set times to pray
  - use prayer directory & mission partner guide
  - prayer partner
  - groups for prayer

“Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you” 1Thess.5:17,18