

Colossians 1:9-14

v9 – (God’s) will	(noun)	God’s plan; what God wants to happen
v9 – wisdom	(noun)	ability to make good, sensible choices from experience and knowledge
v10 - worthy	(adjective)	honourable; deserving
v11 - according to...	(phrase)	in keeping with...; in line with...; consistent with ...
v11 - glorious	(adjective)	magnificent; majestic; radiant; beautiful
v11 - might	(noun)	power; ability
v11 – endurance	(noun)	ability to continue with an unpleasant situation over a long time
v11 - patience	(noun)	ability to stay calm under pressure; ability to deal with difficult circumstances without getting annoyed
v11 - joyful	(adjective)	happy; cheerful
v12 - has qualified	(verb)	has made you fit; has given you what is needed for a situation
v12 - inheritance	(noun)	what you receive when someone dies (usually from your father, mother or a relative)
v12 – holy	(adjective)	set apart for God’s purpose
v12 – ‘kingdom of light’		God's kingdom; God’s rule
v13 - rescued	(verb)	saved from danger
v13 – ‘dominion of darkness’		power of darkness; the rule of Satan (the enemy of God and his people)
v14 - redemption	(noun)	salvation; deliverance; act of being set free(emancipation)
v14 - forgiveness	(noun)	the act of no longer being angry or wishing to punish someone who has done wrong
v14 - sins	(noun)	rebellion against God; wrongdoing against God

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⁹That’s why we have not stopped praying for you. We have been praying for you since the day we heard about you. We keep asking God to fill you with the knowledge of what he wants. We pray he will give you the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives. ¹⁰Then you will be able to lead a life that is worthy of the Lord. We pray that you will please him in every way. So we want you to bear fruit in every good thing you do. We pray that you will grow to know God better. ¹¹We want you to be very strong, in keeping with his glorious power. We want you to be patient. We pray that you will never give up. ¹²We want you to give thanks with joy to the Father. He has made you fit to have what he will give to all his holy people. You will all receive a share in the kingdom of light. ¹³He has saved us from the kingdom of darkness. He has brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. ¹⁴Because of what the Son has done, we have been set free. Because of him, all our sins have been forgiven.

Ephesians 1:3-14

v3 – praise	(noun)	what you say about someone to express approval and appreciate of them; words that express thanks, respect and honour to God
v3 – blessed	(verb)	showed favour to; treated with approval
v3 – heavenly realms	(noun)	areas of spiritual activity
v4 – holy	(adjective)	set apart for God’s purpose; pure

v4 – blameless	(noun)	without fault; perfect
v5 – predestined	(verb)	decided beforehand would happen
v5 – adoption	(noun)	the act of making someone else’s child and making them legally your child
v5 – sonship	(noun)	the status of being someone’s son
v5 – in accordance with	(phrase)	in keeping with
v5 – pleasure	(noun)	happiness, enjoyment, satisfaction
v5 – (God’s) will	(noun)	God’s plan; what God wants to happen
v6 – glorious	(adjective)	magnificent; majestic; radiant; beautiful
v6 – grace	(noun)	kindness shown to someone who doesn’t deserve it
v7 – redemption	(noun)	the act of buying something back by paying a price for it
v7 – forgiveness	(noun)	the act of no longer being angry or wishing to punish someone who has done wrong
v7 – sins	(noun)	rebellion against God; wrongdoing against God
v8 – lavished	(verb)	gave something in generous quantities
v9 – mystery	(noun)	something that was previously hidden and has now been made known
v10 – ‘put into effect’	(phrase)	caused to happen in reality
v11 – fulfillment	(noun)	completion; when what was previously planned and promised takes place
v10 – unity	(noun)	the state of being joined together as one
v12 – gospel	(noun)	the good news that through Jesus people can be in right relationship with God
v13 – salvation	(noun)	the act of being saved
v14 – deposit	(noun)	a partial payment that is a guarantee that the full amount will be paid
v14 – inheritance	(noun)	what you receive when someone dies (usually from your father, mother or a relative)

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³ Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Those blessings come from the heavenly world. They belong to us because we belong to Christ. ⁴ God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created. He chose us to be holy and without blame in his eyes. He loved us. ⁵ So he decided long ago to adopt us. He adopted us as his children with all the rights children have. He did it because of what Jesus Christ has done. It pleased God to do it. ⁶ All those things bring praise to his glorious grace. God freely gave us his grace because of the One he loves. ⁷ We have been set free because of what Christ has done. Because he bled and died our sins have been forgiven. We have been set free because God’s grace is so rich. ⁸ He poured his grace on us. By giving us great wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he showed us the mystery of his plan. It was in keeping with what he wanted to do. It was what he had planned through Christ. ¹⁰ It will all come about when history has been completed. God will then bring together all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ We were also chosen to belong to him. God decided to choose us long ago in keeping with his plan. He works out everything to fit his plan and purpose. ¹² We were the first to put our hope in Christ. We were chosen to bring praise to his glory. ¹³ You also became believers in Christ. That happened when you heard the message of truth. It was the good news about how you could be saved. When you believed, he stamped you with an official mark. That official mark is the Holy Spirit that he promised. ¹⁴ The Spirit marks us as God’s own. We can now be sure that someday we will receive all that God has promised. That will happen after God sets all his people completely free. All these things will bring praise to his glory.

Philippians 2:5-11

v5 – mindset	(noun)	the way you think and feel about something
v6 – very	(adjective)	<i>used to emphasise the importance of what you are saying</i>
v6 – nature	(noun)	the basic quality or character of something
v6 – equality	(noun)	the state of having the same position, rights and responsibilities
v8 – humbled	(verb)	brought yourself to a lowly position
v9 – exalted	(verb)	honoured; brought to a high position
v10 – bow	(verb)	bend your body down towards someone to show respect
v11 – acknowledge	(verb)	admit that something is true

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- ⁵ As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.
- ⁶ In his very nature he was God.
Jesus was equal with God. But Jesus didn't take advantage of that fact.
- ⁷ Instead, he made himself nothing.
He did this by taking on the nature of a servant.
He was made just like human beings.
- ⁸ He appeared as a man.
He was humble and obeyed God completely.
He did this even though it led to his death.
Even worse, he died on a cross!
- ⁹ So God lifted him up to the highest place.
God gave him the name that is above every name.
- ¹⁰ When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone will kneel down to worship him.
Everyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth will kneel down to worship him.
- ¹¹ Everyone's mouth will say that Jesus Christ is Lord.
And God the Father will receive the glory.

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