

Sunday, December 30, 2018 Dr. Landon Dowden

Praying Col 1:9-14 and Acts 12:1-25

- I. As believers, we should continually pray for one another to grow in the Gospel (Col. 1:9-14):
 - **a.** Like Paul, we should not just be passionate about praying for people to come to Christ, but also passionate about praying for their growth in Christ.
 - b. We should pray for one another:
 - i. To know what God wants (1:9)
 - 1. We are asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.
 - ii. So we will do what He wants
 - 1. We are asking God to increasingly bear fruit in your life as you walk in His ways.
 - iii. In His power
 - 1. We are asking God to strengthen you for all endurance and patience with joy.
 - iv. Because of the Gospel
 - 1. We are asking God to cause you to always be grateful for the Gospel because you've been qualified, delivered, transferred, redeemed, and forgiven.

- II. As believers who are praying for one another, we need to (Acts 12:1-25):
 - a. Consider God's providence (12:1-4)
 - b. Consider the Church's perseverance in prayer (12:5)
 - c. Consider God's peace (12:6)
 - d. Consider God's power (12:7-17)
 - e. Consider God's punishment of His enemies (12:18-23)
 - f. Consider God's preservation of His Church (12:24-25)