

**Mindset**  
**“Mindset of Prayer”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**February 16, 2020**

**Sermon Teaching**

**Big Idea:** Understanding who Christ is, and who we are in Him, will empower us to live out our new identity.

“Set your **mind** on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is \_\_\_\_\_ in God.”

**Colossians 3:2-3 (NASB) Remember Verses**

**Paul’s Prayer For Us Is To Have:**

**1. A Mindset Of \_\_\_\_\_**

“We **always pray** for you, and we **give thanks** to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have **heard of your faith** in Christ Jesus and **your love** for all of God’s people, which come from your **confident hope** of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. This same **Good News** that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by **changing lives**, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about **God’s wonderful grace.**”

**Colossians 1:3-6 (NLT2)**

“So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you **complete knowledge of His will** and to give you **spiritual wisdom and understanding.** **Colossians 1:9 (NLT2)**

Then the **way you live** will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will **produce every kind of good fruit.** All the while, you will **grow** as you learn to know God better and better.” **Colossians 1:10 (NLT2)**

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**2. A Mindset Of \_\_\_\_\_**

“We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the **endurance and patience** you need.” **Colossians 1:11a (NLT2)**

“I am glad when I **suffer** for you in my body, for I am **participating in the sufferings** of Christ that continue for His body, the church. God has given me the responsibility of **serving his church** by **proclaiming his entire message** to you.”

**Colossians 1:24-25 (NLT2)**

“Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”  
**Colossians 3:12 (NLT2)**

“HERE IS MY GREETING IN MY OWN HANDWRITING—PAUL. Remember my chains. May God’s grace be with you.” **Colossians 4:18 (NLT2)**

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### **3. A Mindset Of \_\_\_\_\_**

“May you be filled with **joy**, always **thanking** the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, **who live** in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

**Colossians 1:11b-14 (NLT2)**

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to **live in peace**. And always **be thankful**. Let the **message about Christ**, in all its richness, **fill your lives**. **Teach and counsel** each other with all the wisdom he gives. **Sing** psalms and hymns and spiritual songs **to God with thankful hearts**. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

**Colossians 3:15-16 (NLT2)**

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- Am I living to please the Lord?

#### **I will take my next right step by:**

- Praying for the people in my life to grow in learning and living God’s will
- Giving thanks
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Attending Wednesday Family Night



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**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

**Small Groups:** [Choose as many questions that honors your group’s time commitment]

**Open in Prayer:**

➤ What thoughts from this week’s message encourages me to live a life for Jesus?

**Icebreaker:** What are your two favorite worship songs? Why?

**Big Idea:** Understanding who Christ is and who we are in Him will empower us to live out our new identity.

**Review Colossians 3:2-3 (NASB) Remember Verses**

**Life Application Bible Commentary: HOW TO PRAY FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS**

How many people in your life could be touched if you prayed this way?

Be thankful for their faith and changed lives (1:3-4).

Ask God to help them know what he wants them to do (1:9).

Ask God to give them deep spiritual understanding (1:9).

Ask God to help them live for him (1:10).

Ask God to give them more knowledge of himself (1:10).

Ask God to give them strength to endure (1:11).

Ask God to fill them with joy, strength, and thankfulness (1:11).

**Paul Prayer For Us Is To Have:**

**1. A Mindset Of Learning And Living God’s Will**

**Read Colossians 1:3-6**

How is faith and love a product of hope?

Is your faith, love and hope growing or suffering from your last storm of life?

**Read Colossians 1:9-10**

How does your prayers for others compare to Paul’s prayer?

In intensity? Thankfulness? Clarity?

What are some steps to help you grow in your understanding of God?  
How is your knowledge affecting the way you are living?

## **2. A Mindset Of Persevering With Patience**

**Read Colossians 1:11**

**Read Colossians 3:12**

**Life Application Bible Commentary** “So that you may have great endurance and patience.” *Endurance* (hupomone) is the ability to continue toward a goal regardless of the obstacles. *Patience* (makrothumia) is the ability to stand firm against opposition without giving up. "Endurance" is often used in relation to difficult circumstances; "patience" is often used in describing one's dealings with difficult people. Both would be needed by the believers in Colosse, and both come from the empowerment of God's glorious strength. Paul reminded the Colossians that even when they were surrounded by persecution and false teaching, they had the strength to continue toward the goal of their faith and to stand firm against the opposition.

Where do you need endurance?

Where do you need patience?

**Read Colossians 1:24-25**

How is Paul's suffering a continuation of Christ's suffering?

What are some positive results that can come out of suffering?

**Read Colossians 4:18**

Why is it important for us to remember Paul's chains?

## **3. A Mindset Of Joyful Gratitude**

**Read Colossians 1:11-14**

What do you have to give thanks for?

**Read Colossians 3:15-16**

What are some steps to let Jesus rule in our hearts?

How does corporate worship help encourage us?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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