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**Study Questions**  
*Complete in Christ: A Study in the Book of Colossians*  
**God's Vision for You**  
**Colossians 1:9-14**  
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### **Opening Discussion**

1. Who do you consider to be some of the great visionaries in the last 100 years? What was their vision? How did it influence people?
2. What makes for a compelling vision versus one that is not compelling?
3. What vision(s) have close friends and family had for your life? Was it compelling? How did their vision affect the way you lived your life?
4. Have you ever had a vision of your own life that was negative or destructive? Why was this so?
5. Do you believe God has a vision for your life personally?

### **Bible Study**

1. Read Colossians 1:9. What motivated Paul to pray for the believers at Colossae? What can we learn about Paul from this prayer?

2. What do you think was his reason for letting them in on what he was asking God to do?

What is the essence of his request to God on their behalf? (See Colossians 1:9)

3. What does it mean to be “filled with the knowledge of God’s will”? Where does this “filling” come from?

In what ways did Jesus demonstrate verse 9 during His days on earth? Why is this important?

If everything else in God’s vision for believers flows out of this “filling” of verse 9, how important is it for followers of Jesus to understand what this means?

4. The word “all” appears repeatedly in this text and throughout Colossians. Why do you think Paul uses it so often? What is he communicating?
5. Read Colossians 1:10-12. What will be true of the person who is “filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding”?
6. What does it mean to “walk in a manner worthy of the Lord”?
7. Why does being “filled” bring God pleasure?

8. What is the “fruit” that is produced “in every good work”?
9. What is the difference between God empowering believers *out of* His glorious might versus empowering us “*according to* His glorious might”?
10. What is steadfastness? What is patience?

Why is “all power” necessary for the “attaining of all steadfastness and patience”?

11. Read Colossians 1:12-14. What are the realities for which Christ followers can be “joyously giving thanks”?

What role do these past actions by God on our behalf play in seeing God’s vision for us become a reality?

## **Application**

1. What has been the prevailing vision you have had for your life here on earth?

How is God’s vision for you different from your own vision or the vision others have had for you?

What excites you most about God’s vision for you?

2. What are the barriers and/or obstacles that stand in the way of you believing and embracing God’s vision for you? What can you do about this?
3. Are you more tempted to think you can live this vision through your own efforts or to think that it is too lofty a vision and it will never happen? Why?
4. How does this vision affect the way you view prayer?  
  
Is prayer essential if we are to become complete in Christ? Why or why not?
5. How does the fact that only God can bring this vision to reality change the way you pray for yourself? Pray for your family? Pray for your friends?
6. What impact do you think we would have on our community and the world if we believed and began to live this vision?
7. What will be different in your life this week because you are embracing God’s vision for you?