

# CHRISTIANITY IN A NUTSHELL

## Lesson 1: Prayer Colossians 1:1-12

### Introduction:

Paul's entire letter to relatively young believers in Colossae is a primer of who we are as believers in Christ. Throughout the epistle, he tells how faith impacts our actions. The most fundamental spiritual discipline is prayer, and, in the opening verse of his letter, Paul models a Gospel-centered prayer life as he records his prayer for the Colossians. We will discover this is a prayer we can and should emulate.

### I. Prayer of T \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 3-5a)

"Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen." Hebrews 11:1

"He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and most important commandment. <sup>39</sup>The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.'"

Matthew 22:37-40

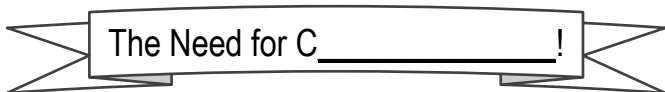
"For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it—in the hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>Now in this hope we were saved, yet hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience." Romans 8:20-25

The Need for F \_\_\_\_\_ !

## II. Prayer for D \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 5b-8)

“This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”  
1 Timothy 2:3-4

“Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.’”  
Matthew 9:37-38



## III. Prayer for D \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 9-12)

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.”  
2 Peter 3:18

“Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life.”  
Romans 6:4

“Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:6-7

