

# simple.

a study through Colossians

## Simple. God's Will Made Simple (Colossians 1:9-14)

1. Reflect back on the teaching from 10 January, *'Theology Made Simple.'* How, if at all, did this teaching impact the past 7-10 days of your life? [*Jesus + nothing = everything*]
2. What is Paul writing about in verses 9-14? What jumps out or strikes you afresh?
3. How would you define the words *'knowledge'*, *'wisdom'* and *'understanding'*? Is there a discernible difference between these words?
4. How and why does God want us to know his will? How is God's heavenly wisdom different from earthly wisdom?
5. Chris quoted CS Lewis in his message: *'Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great as a knowing fool. But to know how to use wisdom is to have wisdom.'* How is this quote helpful (or not) and to what extent have you seen it to be true in your life or in the life of others?
6. Why is it crucial that verse 9b and verse 10a come as a package and not as two separate verses in complete isolation? How do the Apostle Paul, Charles Spurgeon and Jesus' *'Wise and Foolish Builder'* parable validate your response?
7. Can you identify ways in which you have become more spiritually *'grown up'* since coming to faith? Which areas in your life require greater maturity? Why and how will you attain it based on what Paul says in our text?
8. What evidence (fruit) would you expect to see in the life of someone who is living a life worthy and pleasing to God? How do your answers compare with what Paul says in the text? Can we speed up spiritual growth which often feels painfully slow?
9. How would you help a struggling Christian who said, *"How can I walk worthily of Jesus when I feel so unworthy?"*
10. What should we do if we don't feel like pleasing God? Is it hypocritical to obey when we don't feel like it? Discuss.
11. Spend some time praying for others, like Paul does, that God will fill you with knowledge, understanding and wisdom.