



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015

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MINI-SERIES

“DEVOTED TO PRAYER... DEPENDENT ON HIS SPIRIT”

“The Relentless Passion and Resolute Posture of the People of God”

PART 5

“KEEP GROWING! THE PATH TO AND A PRAYER FOR MATURITY”

“Five Commitments of a Growing Community”

(Colossians 1:9-29)

INTRODUCTION:

**1A. AN UNRIVALED AND UNRELENTING _____ FOR THE _____
OF THE CHURCH. (1:15-20)**

“He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.”

—Colossians 1:18

**2A. AN UNRIVALED AND UNRELENTING _____ OF THE _____
OF THE CHURCH. (1:21, 22)**

“And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach.”

—Colossians 1:21, 22

**3A. AN UNRIVALED AND UNRELENTING _____ IN THE _____
OF THE CHURCH. (1:23)**

“...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.”

—Colossians 1:23

4A. AN UNRIVALED AND UNRELENTING _____ IN THE _____ OF THE CHURCH. (1:24)

"Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions."

—Colossians 1:24

5A. AN UNRIVALED AND UNRELENTING _____ TO THE _____ OF THE CHURCH. (1:25-29)

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ."

—Colossians 1:28

1B. The _____ :

"...and for this [purpose]..."

2B. The _____ :

"We proclaim Him, admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom..."

3B. The _____ :

"...I labor, striving..." ("I toil, struggling... ESV)

4B. The _____ :

"...according to His power, which mightily works within me."

"My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you..."

—Galatians 4:19

CONCLUSION:

"For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light."

—Colossians 1:9-12