

## **BIBLICAL INSIGHTS COMMENTARY**

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### **Parsing of the Words in the Text:<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Verse 9:**

Διὰ: Preposition used with accusative case pronoun - Because of

τοῦτο: Demonstrative Pronoun - Accusative of Cause - Neuter - Singular - οὗτος , αὕτη, τοῦτο - this

καὶ: Coordinate conjunction in adjunctive use - also

ἡμεῖς: Personal Pronoun - Subject Nominative case - Plural Number - σύ - you<sup>2</sup>

ἀφ’ : Preposition used with Ablative of Time noun - ἀπό - from

ἥ: Relative Pronoun - Ablative of Time - Feminine - Singular - ὅς , ἥ, ὅ - the very

ἡμέρας: First Declension noun - Ablative of Time - Feminine - Singular - ἡμέρα , -ας, ἥ - day

ἠκούσαμεν: First Aorist (Constative) - Active - Indicative - First - Plural - ἀκούω - we heard

οὐ παύομεθα: Present (Descriptive) - Middle (Intensive) - Indicative - First - Plural - παύω - we are not ceasing

ὑπὲρ: Preposition used with Genitive of Advantage pronoun - in behalf of, for (the benefit of)

ὑμῶν: Person Pronoun - Genitive of Advantage - Plural - σύ - you

προσευχόμενοι: Present (Descriptive) - Deponent - Participle (Adverbial Modal) - Nominative - Masculine - Plural - προσεύχομαι - praying

καὶ: Coordinate conjunction linking the two participles - and

αἰτούμενοι: Present (Descriptive) - Middle (Intensive) - Participle (Adverbial Modal) - Nominative - Masculine - Plural - αἰτέω - asking

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<sup>1</sup> This parsing of Colossians 1:9-11a follows the guidelines set forth in Appendix 2: Guides to Parsing, which is found in [volume 35](#) of the **Biblical Insights Commentary**, “Tools for Using Greek” at [cranfordville.com](http://cranfordville.com). The action of parsing is to simply identify the specific aspects of each Greek word in the text.

<sup>2</sup> σύ: 2 pers. pro. σοῦ (σου), σοί (σου), σέ (σε); pl. ὑμεῖς, ὑμῶν, ὑμῖν, ὑμᾶς you (*A Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament*)

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ἵνα: Subordinate conjunction expressing purpose - in order that, so that

πληρωθῆτε: 1 Aorist (Constative) - Passive (NAE) - Subjunctive (Potential) - Second Person - Plural - πληρώ - you may be filled

τὴν ἐπίγνωσιν: Third Declension noun - Accusative of Reference - Feminine - Singular - ἐπιγνώσκω - with full knowledge

τοῦ θελήματος: Third Declension noun - Genitive of Reference - Neuter - Singular - θέλημα , -τος, τὸ - will, intent

αὐτοῦ: Personal Pronoun - Genitive of Possession - Masculine - Singular - αὐτός, αὐτή, αὐτό - His

ἐν: Preposition used with Locative of Sphere noun - in, in regard to

πάσῃ: Attributive Adjective - Locative - Feminine - Singular - πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν - every

σοφία: First Declension noun - Locative of Sphere - Feminine - Singular - σοφία, -ας, ἡ - wisdom, insight

καὶ: Coordinate conjunction linking two nouns - and

συνέσει: Third Declension noun - Locative of Sphere - Feminine - Singular - σύνεσις , -εως, ἡ - insight, understanding

πνευματικῆ: Attributive Adjective - Locative - Feminine - Singular - πνευματικός , -ή, -όν - spiritual

### **Verse 10**

περιπατήσαι: 1 Aorist (Constative) - Active - Infinitive (Verbal: Purpose) - περιπατέω - to walk (Fig. for living out life)

ἀξίως: Adverb - worthily

τοῦ κυρίου: Second Declension Noun - Genitive of Reference - Masculine - Singular - κύριος , -ου, ὁ - of the Lord

εἰς: Preposition used with Accusative of Reference noun - in regard to

πᾶσαν: Attributive Adjective - Accusative - Feminine - Singular - πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν - every

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ἀρεσκείαν: First Declension noun - Accusative of Reference - Feminine - Singular - ἀρέσκεια, ἡ - pleasing

ἐν: Preposition used with Dative of Reference - in respect to

παντί: Attributive Adjective - Dative - Neuter - Singular - πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν - every

ἔργω: Second Declension noun - Dative of Reference - Neuter - Singular - ἔργον, τὸ - deed

ἀγαθῶ: Predicate Adjective - Dative - Neuter - Singular - ἀγαθός, -ή, -όν - good

καρποφοροῦντες: Present tense (Descriptive) - Active - Participle (Adverbial: Modal) - Nominative - Masculine - Plural - καρποφορέω - bearing fruit

καὶ: coordinate conjunction linking the two participles - and

αὐξανόμενοι: Present tense (Descriptive) - Middle (Permissive) - Participle (Adverbial: Modal) - Nominative - Masculine - Plural - αὐξάνω - growing

τῇ ἐπιγνώσει: First Declension noun - Locative of Sphere - Feminine - Singular - ἐπιγινώσκω - in the knowledge

τοῦ θεοῦ: Second Declension noun - Possessive Genitive - Masculine - Singular - θεός, ὁ - of God, God's

### **Verse 11**

ἐν: Preposition used with Instrumental of Manner noun - with

πάσῃ: Attributive Adjective - Instrumental - Feminine - Singular - πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν - with full, complete

δυνάμει: First Declension noun - Instrumental of Manner - Feminine - Singular - δύνᾳμις, -εως, ἡ, - with power

δυναμούμενοι: Present tense (Descriptive) - Deponent - Participle (Adverbial: Manner) - Nominative - Masculine - Plural - δύνᾳμαι - working

κατὰ: Preposition used with Accusative of Manner noun - according to, to the extent of

τὸ κράτος: Second Declension noun - Accusative of Manner - Neuter - Singular - κράτος, τὸ - with the strength

τῆς δόξης: First Declension noun - Genitive of Reference - Feminine - Singular - δόξα, ἡ - of glory, Presence

αὐτοῦ: Personal Pronoun - Genitive of Possession - Masculine - Singular - αὐτός, αὐτή, αὐτό - His

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εἰς: Preposition used with Accusative of Measure noun - to, into (denotes movement into)

πᾶσαν: Attributive Adjective - Accusative - Feminine Singular - πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν - with full, complete

ὑπομονήν: First Declension noun - Accusative of Measure - Feminine Singular - ὑπομονή, -ῆς, ἡ - endurance, perseverance

καὶ: Coordinate conjunction linking the two nouns - and

μακροθυμίαν: First Declension noun - Accusative of Measure - Feminine - Singular - μακροθυμία, -ας, ἡ - patience