

LIFE IN CHRIST
Fruitfulness in Christ
Colossians 1:1-14

‘How to error-proof your church’

1. **Thanksgiving: you really have believed the true gospel** (vv.3-8)

a. You really have believed

b. It’s the true gospel

2. **Prayer: be filled with more of the same** (vv.9-14)

a. More of the same

b. To walk in a manner worthy

c. Bearing fruit and growing

d. Strengthened to endure

e. Giving thanks

Questions for reflection:

Have you really believed the true gospel, based on the evidence Paul finds here? Why / why not?

How might you be tempted astray, either by sin and worldliness or by searching for new spiritual experiences or teachings?

How does Paul’s prayer chart a better course towards maturity in Christ? Pray it for yourself and for your brothers and sisters in Christ. 4. How does what Jesus did in raising Lazarus draw and increase our faith in him as the incarnate Son of God?