

## “The Letter to the Colossians” Colossians 1:1-14

**I.** The main theme of the book is ... The \_\_\_\_\_ of CHRIST; meaning \_\_\_\_\_ we need is in JESUS.

**II. Background of Paul’s letter:** Paul lived in Ephesus for \_\_\_\_\_, and planted the Church there. Apparently Epaphras was \_\_\_\_\_ during a visit to Ephesus. When he returned home to Colosse, he \_\_\_\_\_ the church in his city. Paul never came to Colosse. He wrote this letter (Epistle) to the Colossians around \_\_\_\_\_ from his prison cell in Rome to encourage the believers there.

**III.** The Colossian Christians were facing a dangerous heresy that was confusing and misleading people called \_\_\_\_\_. Paul wrote this letter to \_\_\_\_\_ the Church about the growing menace.

**IV.** By the reports Paul received about the Church in Colosse, he was grateful for these five things: **V.3**

1. He was grateful for their \_\_\_\_\_ in CHRIST. **V.4**

A. Next to the Holy Spirit and the Bible, your Faith is your \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mt. 17:20, Mark 11:22-24, 2 Cor. 5:7, James 1:2-4, Heb. 11:6

B. Your Faith enables you to \_\_\_\_\_ with GOD. The Devil wants to \_\_\_\_\_ your Faith. JESUS wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ your Faith (trust) in HIM. Our Faith will grow as we \_\_\_\_\_ Colossians together.

2. He was inspired by their \_\_\_\_\_ in Colosse. **V.4**

A. At Church of the Savior we \_\_\_\_\_. John 3:16 We love the \_\_\_\_\_, the broken, the \_\_\_\_\_, those in crisis, the \_\_\_\_\_, the addicted, the \_\_\_\_\_, the orphan, the widow, the \_\_\_\_\_, those nearing the end of their life. We love people because \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

B. We especially love the \_\_\_\_\_, wherever they are, because they are JESUS’ \_\_\_\_\_. John 13:34-35, Galatians 6:10

3. He was thrilled for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel that was changing the world. **V.5-6**

A. The Gospel (the \_\_\_\_\_) of JESUS CHRIST is what changes lives. Rom. 1:16

B. Wherever the Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_, lives are changed. Wherever the Gospel is not shared, the Church \_\_\_\_\_ and society becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

4. He marveled at GOD’s miraculous \_\_\_\_\_ that was so evident among them. **V.6**

- A. Grace is the \_\_\_\_\_ to do GOD's Will. Eph. 2:8-9, Heb. 4:16  
 B. You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ without GOD's Grace. 2 Cor. 12:9-10, James 4:6, 1 Cor. 15:10
5. He honored the brave young man, \_\_\_\_\_, that courageously planted the church there in Colosse. **V.7** Rom.13:7, 1 Tim. 5:17-18

**V. Paul asked GOD to do these things for the Christians in Colosse:**

"Since the day we heard, we have \_\_\_\_\_ praying for you." **V.9**

Are you praying \_\_\_\_\_ for your loved ones? 1 Sam. 12:23, Job 1:5

1. They would be filled with the \_\_\_\_\_. **V.9** Eph. 5:17  
 If HIS Will is the \_\_\_\_\_ to live your life, is anything more important?
2. They would walk \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD, seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ HIM. **V.10**
3. They would \_\_\_\_\_ in every good work. **V.10**  
 A. Is your \_\_\_\_\_ becoming more like JESUS? Gal. 5:22-23  
 B. Are people around you \_\_\_\_\_ to CHRIST, because of your influence? Mt. 9:37-38
4. They would be \_\_\_\_\_ with all the Holy Spirit's power, so they might have great \_\_\_\_\_ and patience. **V.11** Rom. 5:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience over the \_\_\_\_\_ is the only way to finish well. 1 Tim. 4:17-18, Eccl.9:11
5. They would joyously \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father, who invited them to share in CHRIST's inheritance. **V.12** Are you a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian? A \_\_\_\_\_ Christian? A condemning Christian to others who mess up? Are you \_\_\_\_\_ to past injustices? OR are you a \_\_\_\_\_ Christian, because of how good the Father has been to you? 1 Thess. 5:18

**VI. The Big Picture:** JESUS was unjustly treated on our behalf so we could be:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the Domain of Darkness, **V.13**  
 2. And \_\_\_\_\_ to the Kingdom of HIS Beloved SON
3. Because in HIM we have \_\_\_\_\_, **V.14**  
 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ 3 of our Sins.