



COLOSSIANS

**“The Truth, The Gospel Truth,
& Nothing But the Truth”**
Colossians 1:1-8
July 27, 2025

Read Colossians 1:1-8

Person: Paul the Apostle

People: The Church at Colossae

Place: During Paul’s Imprisonment in Rome

Point in Time: 60-62 A.D.

Problem: Gnostic teaching & Jewish legalism were invading the Church and shaking its very foundation that Jesus was enough

Purpose: To encourage the saints of God that Jesus Christ was the center, 1st place, and supreme in all things. This truth should affect the way we live our everyday lives

The Gospel is good news I Corinthians 15:1-8

1) The calling & connection of the Gospel Vs 1-2

2) The celebration of the Gospel Vs 3

- ✓ Give thanks for each other
- ✓ Pray for each other

3) The centrality of the Gospel Vs 4-5

- ✓ Confidence in faith Vs 4a John 20:31; Hebrews 11:1
- ✓ Confirmed by love Vs 4b I John 4:7-8; John 13:34-35
- ✓ Certainty in hope Vs 51 Peter 1:3-5; Titus 2:12-13; Heb. 6:18-20 (CSB)
- ✓ Comprehend by grace Vs 6c Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11

4) The commission of the Gospel Vs 6-8

- ✓ It is for everyone Vs 6a John 3:16; Matthew 24:14; Romans 10:13
- ✓ It is bearing fruit Vs 6b John 15:5,8; Galatians 5:22-23
- ✓ It is growing Vs 6c Acts 9:31; 1 Peter 2:2;
- ✓ It is shared by others Vs 7-8 Romans 10:14-15; 2 Timothy 2:2

Our Response:

- 1) How can you personally this week keep the gospel central in your daily life?
- 2) How and in what ways can we develop the kind of faith, love, hope & grace that Paul praises in the Colossians?
- 3) How does knowing that hope is stored up for us in heaven change how we handle daily struggles?
- 4) Are we as a church known for faith in Christ and love for all the saints? Why or why not?
- 5) In what ways is your own life “bearing fruit” because of the gospel?
- 6) Who has been like an “Epaphras” in your life—someone who taught you the gospel and helped you grow? How can you be an “Epaphras” for someone else today?
- 7) What would Paul thank God for if he were writing to our church today? What might he challenge us about?