

Overflowing Fullness

Great News!
Colossians 1:1-8

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Colossians 1:1–8 (CSB) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Timothy our brother:

² To the saints in Christ at Colossae, who are faithful brothers and sisters.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints ⁵ because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and came to truly appreciate God's grace., ⁷ You learned this from Epaphras, our dearly loved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has told us about your love in the Spirit.

Three Important Spiritual Markers:

FAITH – HOPE – LOVE

THE STRENGTH OF FAITH – Colossians 1:4

Apply The Truth

Colossians 1:19–20 (CSB) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile everything to himself, ... by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.,

Matthew 17:20 (CSB) ... he told them. "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed...

SINCERITY OF LOVE – Colossians 1:4, 7-8

Apply The Truth

Galatians 5:22–23 (CSB) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.

Colossians 3:14 (CSB) Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

THE SURETY OF HOPE – Colossians 1:4–5

BIBLICAL HOPE

To have an absolute assurance of a promise being fulfilled.

Apply The Truth

Colossians 1:27 (NLT) For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance (HOPE) of sharing his glory.