

THE SUPREME GOOD NEWS

Colossians 1:1-8

I. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD (v. 1-2)

A. Is God in charge?

- 1. The gospel is authored and authorized by God according to His will.*
- 2. God legally declares us to be SAINTS, and uses the work of Jesus as the evidence, not our own.*

II. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MESSAGE (v. 3-5a)

A. What is the gospel?

- 1. The gospel consists of faith in Jesus, love for others, & the hope of heaven.*
- 2. Mountain-moving faith and cross-bearing love are only possible through a heavenly-anchored hope.*

III. THE STABILITY OF ITS CONTENT (v. 5b-6)

A. Can I trust it?

- 1. The gospel has historically been active, fruitful, & truthful, so enjoy the movement.*
- 2. God's Kingdom advances as the great commission of being "fruitful and multiplying" continues.*

IV. OUR SERVICE TO THE LORD (v. 7-8)

A. What do I do now?

- 1. The good news is proclaimed by faithful, servant-hearted believers.*
- 2. The saints serve, love & learn with a heart empowered by the Holy Spirit to share what God has done.*