



# Colossians 1:1-14

Good News Changes Everything!

## Paul's Greeting/Blessing (1:1-2)

Paul, an **apostle** of Christ Jesus **by the will of God**,  
and Timothy **our brother**,<sup>2</sup> To the **saints** and  
faithful **brothers** in Christ at Colossae: **Grace** to  
you and **peace** from God **our Father**.

# Paul's Greeting/Blessing (1:1-2)

- The gospel changes how we see:
  - Ourselves, problems, others, God, our circumstances/opportunities

## Paul's prayer of thanksgiving (1:3-8)

<sup>3</sup> We **always** thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of **your faith** in Christ Jesus and of the **love** that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup> because of the **hope** laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the **word of the truth, the gospel,**

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<sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is **bearing fruit** and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God **in truth**,<sup>7</sup> just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf<sup>8</sup> and has made known to **us your love in the Spirit**.

# Paul's prayer of thanksgiving (1:3-8)

- Paul **gives thanks** for:
  - Their **faith** in Christ
  - Their **love** for the saints
  - Their **hope** laid up for them in heaven

## Paul's prayer of petition (1:9-14)

<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be **filled** with the **knowledge** of his will in all spiritual **wisdom** and **understanding**, <sup>10</sup> so as to **walk** in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: **bearing fruit** in every good work and increasing in the **knowledge** of God;

## Paul's prayer of petition (1:9-14)

**11** being **strengthened** with all power, according to his glorious might, for all **endurance** and **patience** with **joy**; **12** **giving thanks** to the **Father**, who has **qualified you** to share in the inheritance of the **saints** in light.**13** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and **transferred us** to the kingdom of his beloved Son, **14** in whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness** of sins.



## Paul's prayer of petition (1:9-14)

- That they would be filled with the knowledge of His will
- That they would walk worth of the Lord
- That they would be strengthened with all power of His might
- That they would give thanks to the Father

# Good news (the gospel) changes everything!

- Knowing the gospel truth changes:
  - Our attitudes
  - Our prayers
  - Our destiny
  - Our politics
  - Our identity