

Colossians

THE GRACE OF GOD AT WORK

Colossians 1:1-8
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SERMON NOTES

STUDY QUESTIONS

Read Colossians 1: 1-8 (Groups: read it twice with different readers)

Who was the Apostle Paul? What was his background? How was he converted? What were his goals in ministry? What was his relationship with the Christians in Colossae?

According to verses 3-4, what two works of the heart is Paul excited about in the lives of these believers? How do these two evidences of spiritual life go hand-in-hand? Read Galatians 5:5-6 for a slight elaboration of this relationship.

How do you summarize the Gospel message? If you are with others try speaking it out loud to one another. If you are alone, either do the same or write it down. Expressing thoughts with words helps us to be more precise.

How did you hear and understand “the grace of God in truth” (v. 6)? God used an evangelist named Epaphras to bring this message to the Colossians. We are blessed by regularly remembering and telling our stories.

We all need to be reminded there is a “hope laid up for [us] in heaven” (v. 5). Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. Why is this promise so helpful to Christians? When do you most need this promise?

When Paul writes that the Gospel is bearing fruit all over the world (v. 6), he is using an amount of hyperbole. Even today, there are many people and places where the Gospel has not been preached. Take a few minutes to pray for missionaries, the nations, and the salvation of many people. Read Revelation 7:9.