



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**,² 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)

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

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

⁶ 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, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ 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

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

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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 identity