

## Colossians 1:1-8

Paul Thanks God For The Colossian Saints

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
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### The Apostolic Authority of Paul

Colossians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother.

1st Thessalonians 2:6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.

1. Apostles used generically as "messengers."
2. Timothy and Silas were apostles.
3. Paul is using the "royal we."

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
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### Paul's Greeting

Colossians 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: **Grace** to you and **peace** from God our Father.

➤ Saints = 1. Elect      Deut. 7:5-7; 1Cor. 1:2  
                          2. Believers   Rom. 4:16; Jude 1:3  
                          3. Set apart    Heb. 2:11  
                          4. Eternally Secure (persevere)  
                                  John 10:27-29; Rev. 14:12

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
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<p align="center"><b>Paul's Thankfulness To God</b></p> <p><u>Colossians 1:3-5</u> We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, (since) we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; <b>because</b> of the hope <u>laid up</u> for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the <u>word of truth, the gospel...</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. faith, love, hope = Gal. 5:5-6; 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 1:3</li> <li>2. in Christ Jesus = "the sphere in which faith lives"</li> <li>3. <b>because</b> of the hope = basis of the faith and love!</li> </ol> <p>Lessons Learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does this say about those who claim you can be "so heavenly minded – your no earthly good"?</li> <li>• What does this say about our gospel presentation?</li> </ul>

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
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
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<p align="center"><b>Paul's Thankfulness To God</b></p> <p><u>Colossians 1:7-8</u> just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, and he also informed us of your love <u>in the Spirit</u>.</p>

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#### Applications:

- We too should be thankful for the salvation of the saints. (John 13:34-35; 1 John 5:1)

Romans 9:22-23 NKJV What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power **known**, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make **known** the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory...

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