

Brethren at Colosse

What is suggested by

- Apostle of J.C.
- Apostle by will of God
- Our brother
- Saints
- Faithful Brethren
- In Christ

what was significant about the Colossae location and cultural background?

Have you ever compiled a list of everyone that Paul prayed for?

We give thanks (Personal)

How many sentences are in this paragraph?

Did you know the original autographs did not contain any punctuation. (For fun - do we have any of the original autographs?)

For what did Paul give thanks?

What do verses 4 and 8 suggest to the extent a pulse acquaintance with the Colossians?

What did Paul mean by "in all the world" 1:6?

How did Paul connect the lives of the church and believers with the global church and the universal story of God?

Why were Timothy and Epaphras important in Paul's ministry?

Note Paul's habit of prayer: Ro. 1:8; 1 Cor. 1:14; Eph. 1:6

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

2 To the saints and **faithful** brethren **in Christ** who are in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from **God our Father** and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

3 We give thanks to the **God and Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**,

praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your **FAITH in Christ Jesus**

and of your **LOVE** for all the saints; 5 because of the **HOPE** which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the **word of the truth of the gospel**,

6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is **bringing forth fruit**, as it is also among you since the day you heard

and knew the **grace** of God in truth; 7 as you also **learned** from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant,

who is a **faithful** minister of **Christ** on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us **your love in the Spirit**.

Who wrote the letter with Paul? What words did Paul use to give a warm and encouraging greeting to the church?

(Bring words of encouragement) Swindoll

Also in the gen. Masc. sing -1550 Gk. Text

Essenes - They felt that they were the people—they had knowledge in a jug and held the stopper in their hands. McGee,

Εὐχαριστοῦμεν (We give thanks) verb pres. act. Ind, 1st per.pl. main noun & verb

Main object You.

Gen. masc. sing

Praying

1 Cor. 13:13;

Ro. 5:1-15;

Gal. 5:5, 6

1 Thes. 1:3; 1 Pe. 1:3, 5, 22

Eph. 1-1-10✓

Since

For the hope

Which

As you also learned From Epaphras

Who claimed the gospel to the people in Colossi Colossians 1:7? Cf. 4:12

How did the gospel change your lives: 4-5?

In Colossians one: eight what is the source for Christian love for others? Why is this significant for all Christians?

Ro. 5:5 - work of Christ Col. 1:27

The Person and Work of Christ Col. 1:13-23 (A) Christ above all

(1) WE ALSO PRAY FOR YOU

what is the main core of this long sentence?
 What did Paul pray on behalf of the Christians at Colossi?
 How are the following related to each other in the Christian life, according to this passage: 1) Knowledge of God 2) Fruitfulness. 3) Power. 4) Thanksgiving

(2) AS REDEEMER & CREATOR

What is the main topic of this paragraph? Keep in mind. This key passage exposing of worshiping angels. What are the references to Christ's death? How do the two phrases of 1:15 identify Christ? Compare 2 Cor. 4:6 and Heb. 1:3 Compare 1:16 w Gen 1:1 & Heb. 1:3 What does this reveal about who Jesus is?

(3) FULLY GOD

What Is Meant By Reconcile? Who initiates reconciliation? Note by Him 2x's what is meant by these phrases? What is meant by all things?

(4) RECONCILER

What is the ultimate purpose of reconciliation? 1:22 What is the presentation of verse 22 condition upon verse 23? Is this "If" situation intended to take away the assurance or to inspire watchfulness?

Praying for Growth	<p>9For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.</p>	Paul' Ministry in Prayer
He (God, Christ)	<p>13He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth; visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.</p>	Christ Ministry to the World
You	<p>19For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.</p> <p>21And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.</p>	

Note the repetition of similar terms in one: 11 strengthen, might power. Compare inheritance 1:12 and 1:5. What it means to have spiritual understanding 1:9? What is the richness of joy that rides out of suffering 1:11?

What two realms are contrasted here? How does vs. 13 introduce vs. 14-20? What is meant by redemption? What is the price of redemption? CF. 1 Pe. 1:18-19. What is the impact of the repeated phrase all things in 1:16? Our angels included as created beings? What is meant by the word consist?

On the basis of 18 and 19, how is Grace qualified to have preeminence? What is meant by "to himself"?

What does the latter part of verse 23 teach about the gospel?