

COLOSSIANS

Part 1 – Thank God for Good News

Colossians 1:1-14

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¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Thank God for...

1. The TRUTH of the Gospel

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

- Faith in Jesus Christ
- Love for the church
- Hope for the future

2. The POWER of the Gospel

Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. (v. 6-8)

3. The RESULTS of the Gospel

⁹And 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, ¹⁰so 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. ¹¹ May you be 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. ¹³He 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. (v. 9-14)

- Transformed Lives
 - Worthy Walk
 - Fruitful
 - Grow
 - Strengthened by God's Power
 - Endure with Joy
- Transfer of Citizenship