

**The Book of Colossians**  
**Four Insights into the Gospel**  
**Colossians 1:1-8**

**Introduction**

During the next few weeks, I want us to take a walk through Paul's Letter to the Colossian church.

1. Colossae was a city in Asia Minor situated in the Lycus River valley about 110 miles south-east of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Colossae was one of the churches evangelized by \_\_\_\_\_, a disciple of Paul's (Col.4.12-13).
3. Epaphras had become alarmed about a \_\_\_\_\_ that was developing in the Colossian church.
4. The letter was written at the same time as the Letter to \_\_\_\_\_, sometime around 62 A.D.
5. Paul's letter addresses circumcision, the Sabbath, new moons, and other details of the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_, along with the subject of angels, food and drink laws.
6. Paul says that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ everything in the universe, and everything in the universe finds its fulfillment in Christ.
7. That makes Jesus our only hope of \_\_\_\_\_ since He is our Creator, and in him, all wisdom and perfection are fulfilled.
8. In this letter, the Apostle Paul proclaims Christ to be the supreme power over the entire \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The letter to the Colossians consists of two parts. First, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ section, then a section regarding Christian conduct.

10. Then he states the all-sufficiency of Christ, tackles the features of the \_\_\_\_\_, and completes the letter with an ethical exhortation and a personal note.
11. Paul became one of the most influential figures in the Early Church after \_\_\_\_\_ commissioned him to spread the gospel to the Western world.
12. After his conversion, Paul began to preach that Jesus of Nazareth was the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ and the Son of God.
13. Paul writes this letter primarily to strengthen the Colossian Christians to \_\_\_\_\_ these false teachers.
14. The "seed" is what Paul calls "the \_\_\_\_\_" (1:5,6).
15. In Ephesians, Paul says that the gospel contains "unfathomable \_\_\_\_\_."

## **I. Announcing the Gospel**

16. The gospel is a definitive \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The Greek word means "good \_\_\_\_\_."
18. Gospel was a word used by Roman rulers to describe \_\_\_\_\_ announcements.
19. The New Testament gospel announced the coming of a much greater Ruler who brought a much greater \_\_\_\_\_.

## **II. Revealing the Gospel**

20. The gospel declares that Jesus is the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ sent by God.
21. The central theme of the gospel is \_\_\_\_\_.

22. Specifically, the gospel declares that Jesus *is* the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ One.
23. Jesus Christ is the Messiah predicted by the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_ and the rightful Ruler of the whole world.
24. Paul also calls Jesus " \_\_\_\_\_," not Caesar or any human ruler.
25. The gospel is not a historical record that preserves the memory of Jesus; it is an \_\_\_\_\_ to meet Him and be saved by Him.

### **III. The Grace of the Gospel**

26. The gospel offers the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
27. Paul says that Jesus' death on the cross made it possible for God to offer His grace to people like us who deserve His \_\_\_\_\_.
28. Paul identifies several aspects of this grace that God offers us through Jesus:
- God's grace offers us true \_\_\_\_\_ (1:2b).
  - God's grace delivers us from His judgment and makes Him our loving Father.
  - God's grace also provides inner peace that guards our hearts and mind from \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God's grace also offers you \_\_\_\_\_ (1:4,5).
29. God's grace gives us the ability to love others for two reasons. First, the certainty of going to heaven transforms us from takers into \_\_\_\_\_.
30. Secondly, God's Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us the moment we put our faith in Jesus (1:8).

### **Conclusion**

31. As we study this letter, we will see that the gospel spreads through people who have been \_\_\_\_\_ by it.

32. The Colossians learned about the gospel from \_\_\_\_\_, who had been changed by it.

If you have met Jesus and been changed by His grace, then you are fully qualified to spread this gospel to others! Don't worry about what you don't know; share what you do know. Share how Jesus has changed your life whenever you get the opportunity. Just put it out there!

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Ephesus     | 26. Grace     |
| 2. Epaphras    | 27. Judgment  |
| 3. Cult        | 28. Peace     |
| 4. Philippians | Anxiety       |
| 5. Calendar    | Hope          |
| 6. Created     | 29. Givers    |
| 7. Salvation   | 30. Indwells  |
| 8. Universe    | 31. Changed   |
| 9. Doctrinal   | 32. Ephaphras |
10. Cult
  11. Christ's
  12. Messiah
  13. Resist
  14. Gospel
  15. Riches
  16. Announcement
  17. Message
  18. Official
  19. Salvation
  20. Messiah
  21. Jesus
  22. Anointed
  23. Prophets
  24. Lord
  25. Invitation