

Studies in Colossians: Part One

Wed. Bible Study

Chapter 1:1-8

1. Paul's Greeting v.1-2

A. His Authority "apostle" (*Gal. 1:1, 1Cor. 9:1-2, 2Cor. 12:12*)

B. His Alignment "Timotheus" (*1Tim. 1:2, Phil. 2:19-20*)

C. His Audience v.2

a. Sanctified "saints" (*Acts 26:18*)

b. Steadfast "faithful" (*1Cor. 4:2*)

c. Secured "in Christ" (*Eph. 2:6, Jn. 10:28-29*)

2. Paul's Gratefulness v.3

A. For Sovereignty "God...the Father" (*Job 37:22-24*)

B. For Sacrifice "our Lord Jesus Christ" (*Eph. 5:2*)

C. In Supplication "praying always" (*1Thes. 5:17-18*)

3. Paul's Gladness v.4-8

A. Faith "your faith" v.4

a. Delivered v.6 (*Rom. 6:17, 10:13-17, Mk. 16:15*)

b. Discerned v.5 (*Rom. 10:17, Heb.2:1*)

c. Directed v.4 (*Acts 20:21*)

B. Fruits "bringeth forth fruit" v.6 (*James 2:26*)

a. Doctrinal "love" (*1Jn. 3:14, 4:7*)

b. Disclosed "bringeth forth" (*Php. 2:12, Mat. 7:20*)

c. Declared v.8 (*Mat. 5:16*)

C. Future "For the hope" v.5

a. Awaiting "laid up" (*Jn. 14:1-4, 1 Pet. 1:4-5*)

b. Assured "truth of the gospel" (*Titus 1:2, Heb. 6:19*)

c. Available "in all the world" (*Jn. 3:16, Titus 2:11*)

D. Fellow-laborer "Epaphras"

a. Sower (*Mk. 4:14*)

b. Servant "fellow-servant" (*Jn. 12:26*)

c. Shepherd "minister" (*1Pet. 5:2*)