



Colossians

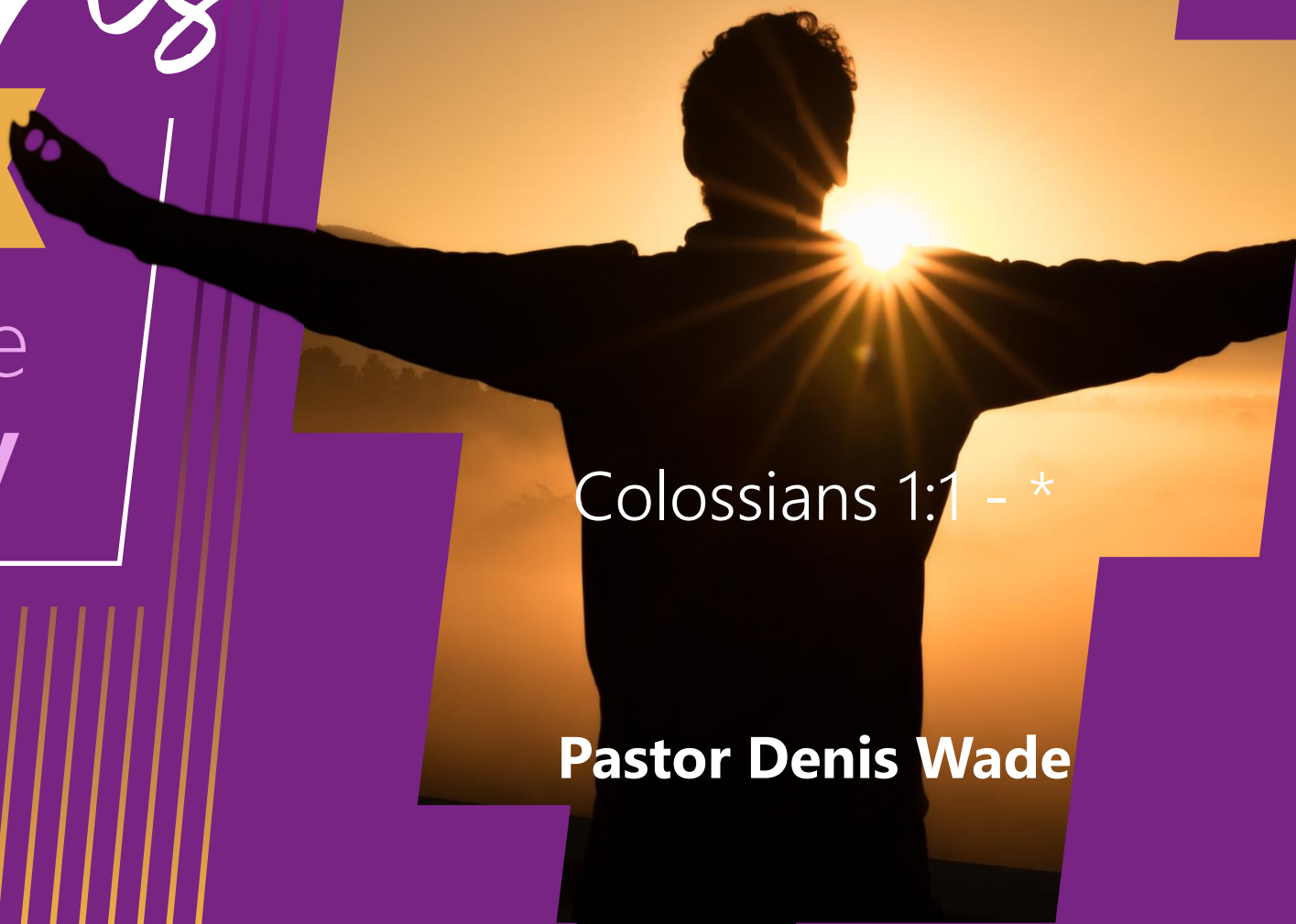
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Christ in you, the
hope and glory



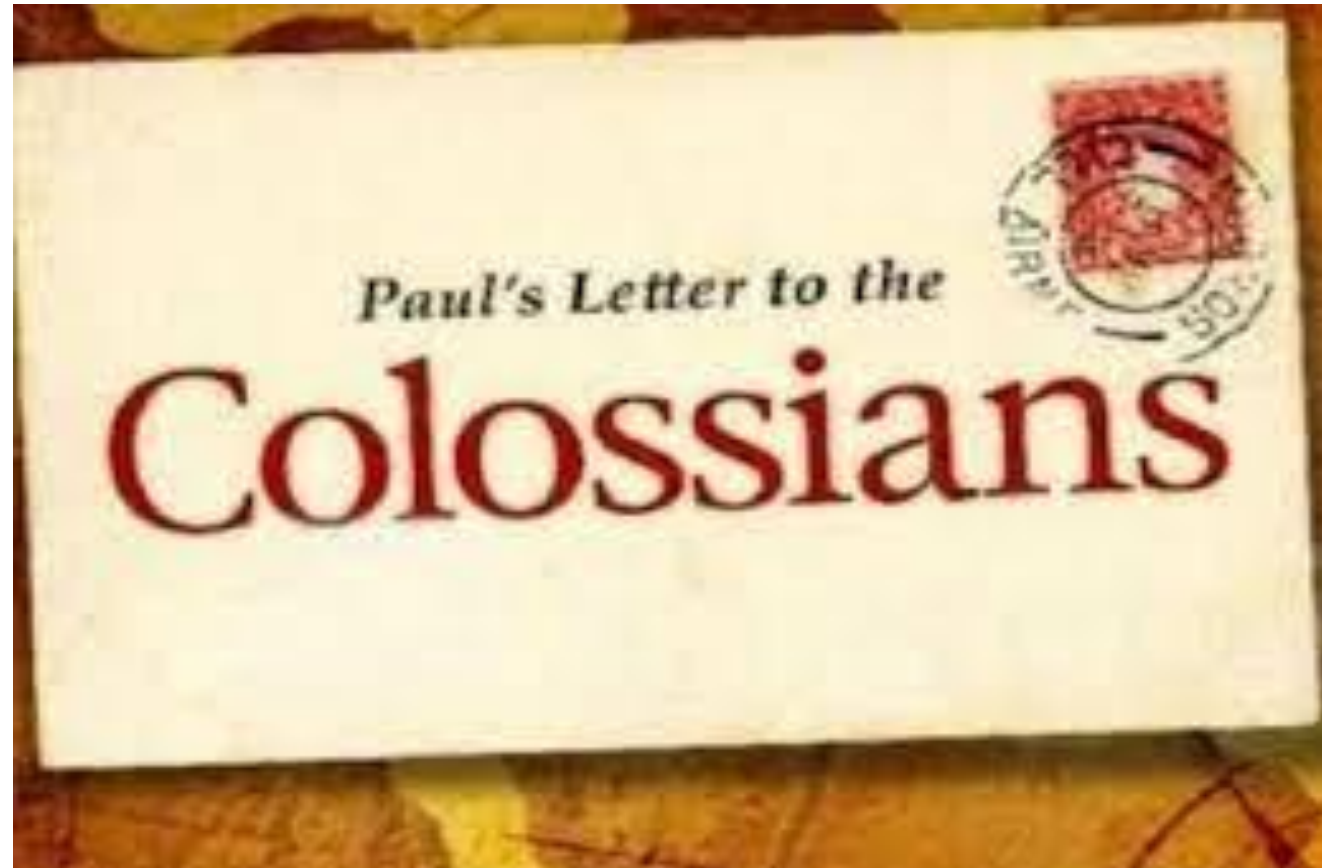
Colossians 1:1 - *

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Today's Message

An Introduction to Colossians









Colossians 1: 1 - 8

The Apostle
Paul at Work



Colossians 1: 1

1 This letter is from **Paul**, chosen by the will of **God** to be an apostle of **Christ Jesus**, and from our brother **Timothy**.

- Four persons named – Paul, God, Christ Jesus, Timothy
- The person of Paul – Chosen by God
- A special Messenger – Given special grace by God
- The status of Timothy – Paul's faithful Assistant / Apprentice

Colossians 1: 2

² We are writing to God's holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters^[a] in Christ.

- God's Holy People
- Christian Partnership – God, Christ, Paul & Timothy, the Colossians
- Belonging to God, **God's Ownership**
- Their **Dual Citizenship** - Colossi and Christ – (Our dual Citizenship)
- A **faithful and obedient** family in Christ

Colossians 1: 3

³ We always **pray** for you, and we **give thanks** to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- The importance of **prayer**
- The posture of **thanksgiving**
- The status of **our God** – (always present everywhere, all seeing, all knowing)
- The status of **Jesus** the Anointed one

Colossians 1: 4 - 5

⁴ For we have heard of **your faith** in Christ Jesus and **your love** for all of God's people, ⁵ which come from **your confident hope** of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

- The importance of your faith
- The importance of your love
- The importance of your confident hope

Colossians 1: 6

⁶ This same **Good News** that came to you is **going out all over the world**. It is **bearing fruit** everywhere by **changing lives**, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about **God's wonderful grace**.

- It's like a rich crop or plant it's taking root!
- It's bearing great fruit wherever it goes!
- It's changing lives wherever it goes!
- It's an act of grace on God's part – God's grace and mercy!

Colossians 1: 7 - 8

⁷ You learned about the Good News from **Epaphras**, our **beloved co-worker**. He is **Christ's faithful servant**, and he is **helping us on your behalf**.^[b] ⁸ He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

Epaphras described

- A beloved Co-worker
- Christ's faithful servant
- A special messenger – A helper to us on your behalf
- How will you be described?

Colossians 1: 8

⁸ He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

Epaphras' work

- A Co-worker to Paul & Timothy
- A partner with the Holy Spirit
- A special messenger – A helper to us on your behalf

6 KEY TAKEAWAY POINTS

1. God's still calling individuals to serve Him.
2. God assigns each of us some work to do.
3. We all belong to God and are all one family in Him.
4. Prayer and Thanksgiving are two important occupations.
5. Faith, Love and Hope express the character of God, the Church and it's leaders.
6. The Gospel is spreading everywhere, like a rich crop or plant and it is continually bearing fruit.

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Father God, I repent of all my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is Lord and I believe that you raised Him from the dead. Thank you for your forgiveness, thank you for saving me and making me a member of your family. I pray this in Jesus name, AMEN!