

COLOSSIANS

Proclaiming the
Supremacy of Christ



OUTLINE OF COLOSSIANS

1. Introduction and prayers (1:1-14)
2. The supremacy of Christ and Paul's work proclaiming Him (1:15-2:5)
3. Encouragement to hold firmly to Christ and a warning about false spirituality (2:6-23)
4. Instructions about new life in Christ and the renewed relationships it produces (3:1-4:6)
5. Closing greetings (4:7-18)

PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND PRAYERS

1. Giving thanks for God's work in their lives (v.3-4)

- Summarizes what it means to be a Christian in two simple points (v.4):
 - Faith in Christ
 - Love for all Christians

“...we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

1 Thessalonians 2:7–8

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1. Giving thanks for God's work in their lives (v.3-4)
2. God's work in their lives was a result of the hope of the gospel (v.5-6)
3. Epaphras, the one who taught them the gospel (v.7-8)

APPLICATIONS

- Give thanks for one another, for God's work in the lives of your fellow church members.
- Meditate on the grace and peace you have with God through Jesus
- Ask: Do I love all the saints? How can I live out that care for my Christian brothers and sisters?