

Pastor Lance Ainsworth Colossians 1:1-14

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, May 2 Sunday, May 5

Introduction:

Colossians 1:1-14 NASB 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.	notes
³We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel ⁵which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth; 7just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, ⁵and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.	
PFor this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all the power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. 13 For He erscued 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.	
The Gospel is heard. (v. 5,6) Luke 4:18-19 NASB 18"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, 19To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."	

The Gospel is received through faith. (v. 4)	
The Gospel transforms. (v. 4,5)	notes
The Gospel constantly bears fruit and increases around the world. (v. 6)	
Gospel-centered prayer:	
a. We know God through the application of His word. (v. 9)	
b. We will reflect God to the world. (v. 10)	
c. We will lean on God's strength to finish well. (v. 11)	
In closing, we thank God, who has qualified us for heaven, rescued us from darkness, accepted us into Jesus' Kingdom, and forgiven us through the cross.	

GROUP DISCUSSION

Transcendent Colossians 1:1-14 Pastor Lance Ainsworth May 2nd & 5th The Power of the Gospel

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: When have you been most surprised?

Read Aloud: Colossians 1:1-14

1. v.5 "because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel." Do you feel equipped to share the gospel? Why or why not? What significance does your testimony have when sharing the gospel?

2. v.6 "which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;" The day of Jesus death on the cross has forever been marked in history. Can you think of any other historical event that is more known? How do you see the gospel bearing fruit and increasing in your life and worldwide?

3. v.9 "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding," How do we decipher God's will? How does God's word (the Bible) help us know God's will? How does the application of God's word help in understanding God's will?

4. v.12-14 "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Paul explains the Gospel in these three verses. What sticks out to you? What are you most thankful for?