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Colossians 1:1-2

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Some Things in Common

A Little Background



Introducing Himself

Paul introduces himself and Timothy

Paul addresses and identifies the believers in Colossae

Paul extends grace and peace

Paul's Preemptive Strike

1. The sufficiency of Christ
2. Understand the faith
3. Fortify the faith
4. Live in Gratitude
5. Holy Living

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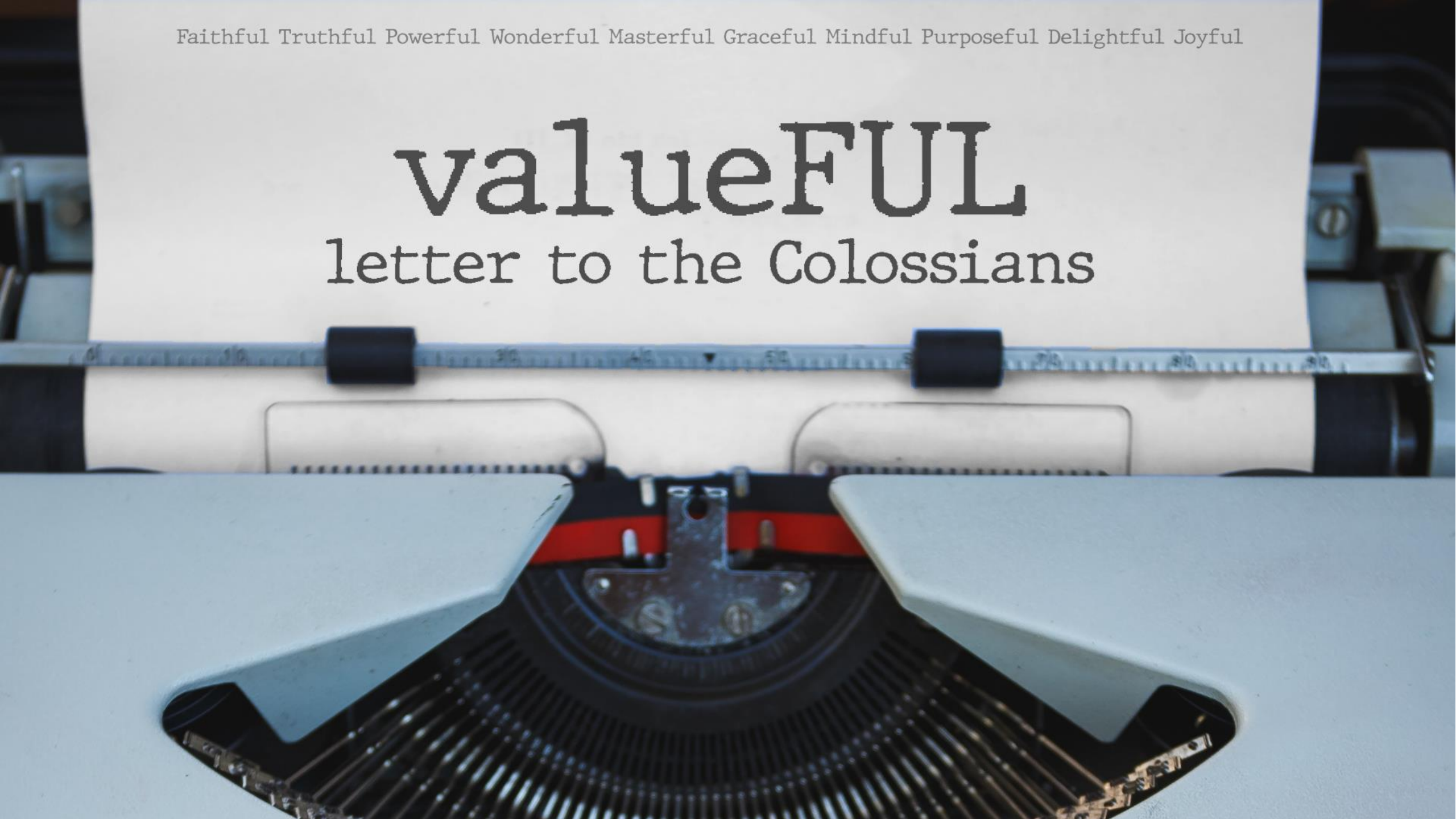


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For I want you to know how greatly I am struggling for you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me in person.

Colossians 2:1 (CSB)

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“It is fascinating that this rather tiny, diminished church received one of the only extant letters from an apostle. This little town was blessed with scripture, showing again that God truly does choose the foolish things of this world to shame the wise [1 Corinthians 1:27] and reminding churches today to care more about healthy growth in Christ than the measurements preferred by the worldly-successful.”

- Pastor Wayne

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Saint: Hágios

Christians and Christian fellowship are to be holy (hagios) because they are called out from the world by the holy (hagios) God (1 Pet 1:15–16) and sanctified (ἁγιάζω, hagiozō) by the work of Christ (1 Cor 1:2) and the Holy Spirit (Jude 20).

Faithful: Pistós

Trustworthy, faithful; trusting, believing. Describes a person or thing as characterized by trustworthiness or belief.

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In Christ

1. Jesus encompasses the entire life of the believer
2. Exclusively joined to Christ and no other
3. Jesus determines our behavior
4. Inseparably joined to Jesus
5. Part of a new family
6. Provides our true identity that surpasses ethnicity, nationality, or clan

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Grace: cháris

Grace, good will, favor. Conveys the sense of a gift of kindness and favor given to a person or persons.

Peace: Eirénē

Peace. The state of well-being and concord.

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Understanding the Faith

Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him—if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.

Colossians 1:21-23

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And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.

Colossians 2:13–15 (CSB)

Fortification of the faith

Gratitude

When Christians do not live with a deep sense of gratitude for what God has done for them in Christ, they will become engulfed in anxieties and will be tempted to look for security in something other than Christ.



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The holy and faithful one has value:

He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

Colossians 1:13 (CSB)

The holy and faithful should live by God's values:

For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:

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bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.

Colossians 1:9–12 (CSB)

The holy and faithful one creates value in society:

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people,

Colossians 3:23 (CSB)

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