# It's All About Jesus

## *A New Life in Him*

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**Colossians 1:1–14** *(NIV)*

[1]Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, [2]To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. Thanksgiving and Prayer [3]We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, [4]because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— [5]the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel [6]that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. [7]You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, [8]and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. [9]For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, [10]so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, [11]being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, [12]and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. [13]For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [14]in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*What happens when you truly understand God's grace and give your life to Jesus?*

1. **Your mind is transformed and you are FILLED with the knowledge of His will.** *(vs.3-6, 9-10; Proverbs 2:6; Luke 24:44-45)*

*"Wisdom and money can get you almost anything,*
*but only wisdom can save your life."* ~ Ecclesiastes 7:12 *NLT*

2. **Your source of STRENGTH becomes endless, giving you the power to endure whatever comes your way.** *(vs. 11-12; Isaiah 40:29-31)*

*"God does not need our strength. God calls for our obedience!*
*God has the strength."* ~ Adrian Rogers

3. **You are RESCUED from darkness, FREED from sin, and FORGIVEN completely, and given a new eternal destiny.** *(vs. 13-14; Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:1; Psalm 22:6; Isaiah 1:18; Job 25:6 esv)*

*"The cross shows the depth of our sin, but it also shows the overwhelming cosmic love of God. When Jesus died on that cross, He did it to rescue you, to forgive you, and to give you a brand-new life."* ~ Billy Graham