

Lesson 1 COLOSSIANS 1:1-23

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Paul, the apostle who wrote the letter to the believers in Colossae, took his role seriously. Apostle means “sent one”. Paul was dubbed by Jesus Himself on the road to Damascus. He left his life of persecuting Christians to become the greatest evangelist of all time. He was constantly communicating and correcting any misinterpreted doctrine so that the gospel would remain true and pure.

1. As you read verses 1-8, how does Paul address God? Why does he thank God? What does Ephesians 2:8 say about faith? Can you think of the time that you realized the amazing grace offered to you through faith in Jesus? Write out a prayer asking your heavenly Father to increase your faith.

2. In verse 8, who told the Colossians about the gospel? What does Isaiah 52:7 say? Who have you shared your faith with lately? What stops you at times from proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ?

3. Verse 9 may have a hint of what we do for those who are in our realm of life. What is it? What can be the results of our fervent prayer according to verses 10-12?

4. Verse 13 speaks about two realities. What are they? What do you think are examples of each one?

5. Verse 14 is an affirmation of our standing before God the Father through faith in Jesus Christ. What does it state? Read verses 15-20. These are beautiful words about the character of Jesus. What strikes you as you read this? Can you list his attributes?

6. Verses 21-23 are the gospel message. What was the circumstance of all of us before we came to faith in Jesus our Lord? What are the results of faith? What is the warning in verse 23? How do we remain steadfast in faith? Read John 15:1-10

APPLICATION: Read through the verses in this lesson and ask the Holy Spirit to give you a deeper sense of the glory that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Glorious and loving Father, we are all lost in a world that contains evil and strife. Yet through your Son we are able to rise above the fray and into the glorious kingdom of your Son. We praise you Father for this amazing grace. Give us eyes to see your glory in our everyday lives. Slow our steps down so that we are mindful of your moment-to-moment presence in our lives. We ask this in the name of your Son who is the image of you. Amen.