


1  **In the World,
But not
Of the World**

**Colossians 1:5b-8
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Outline:

- 1-2 Greeting
- 3-8 Thanks to God for the Colossians
- 9-12 Prayer for Colossian church
- 13-14 The big picture

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v. 5b

Of this [Hope] you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

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Range of "truth"

Jewish – an assertion of a firm reliability, a message that can be relied upon

Greek – the unveiling of the full or real state of affairs

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The Gospel – the word of truth

~ good news

~ glad tidings

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before 12th c.

Old English gōdspel,
from gōd = good + spell = tale

Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dict. 11th ed.

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Ephesians 2:12

... remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

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1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

You Turned
To Serve
To Wait

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Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered 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.

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v. 6

Bearing fruit and increasing...

- whole world
- it also does among you

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The power of the Gospel

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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Acts 1:7-8

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."