

*Paul's Letter to the*

# Colossians



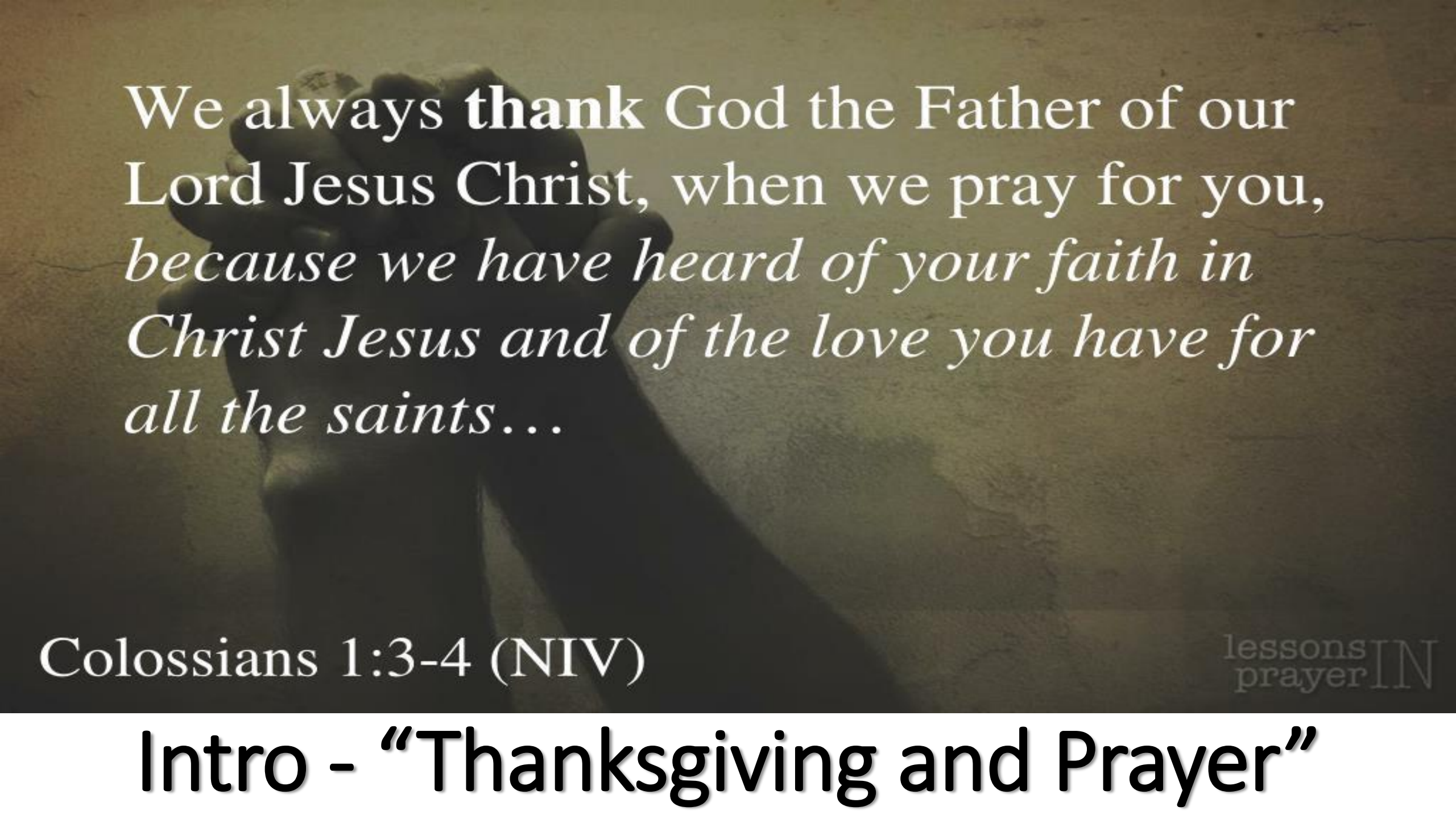
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We always **thank** God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, *because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints...*

Colossians 1:3-4 (NIV)

lessons  
prayer IN

**Intro - “Thanksgiving and Prayer”**

**Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth.**

**Colossians 1:5,6**



**The Gospel is “bearing Fruit”**

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, 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, being  
strengthened with all power  
according to his glorious might so  
that you may have great endurance  
and patience,  
Colossians 1:9-11 NIV

**Prayer – “Live life worthy of the Lord”**



He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:15

**“The Supremacy of Christ!”**

# COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

## DOCTRINAL TRUTHS

- Jesus Christ is God
- Jesus Christ is The Creator of all things
- Jesus Christ is The Sustainer of all things
- Jesus Christ is The Head of the church
- Jesus Christ is The Reconciler of all things
- Jesus Christ is The Supreme Lord
- Jesus Christ is The Sufficient Savior

**THIS MYSTERY HAS BEEN KEPT IN THE DARK FOR A LONG TIME, BUT NOW IT'S OUT IN THE OPEN. GOD WANTED EVERYONE, NOT JUST JEWS, TO KNOW THIS RICH AND GLORIOUS SECRET INSIDE AND OUT, REGARDLESS OF THEIR BACKGROUND, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RELIGIOUS STANDING. THE MYSTERY IN A NUTSHELL IS JUST THIS: CHRIST IS IN YOU, SO THEREFORE YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING IN GOD'S GLORY. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. THAT IS THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR MESSAGE  
COLOSSIANS 1:26-27 (MSG)**

**“Christ in You – The Hope of Glory!”**