

*"To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father."*  
**Colossians 2:2**

*Paul begins the letter to the Colossians by identifying himself as an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, establishing his authority as a divinely commissioned messenger, not self-appointed.*

*He includes Timothy as a fellow believer and brother, though not as an equal authority in the letter. The recipients are described as "the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae," a designation emphasizing their identity as those set apart by God through Christ and those who demonstrate consistent faithfulness in their Christian walk. This dual title reflects both their spiritual status before God and their relational commitment to one another within the body of Christ.*

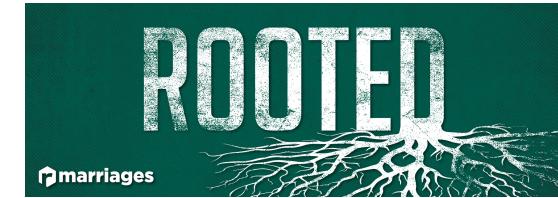
*Paul's greeting of "Grace to you and peace from God our Father" is not merely a formality but a profound spiritual blessing, highlighting that these gifts—divine favor and inner harmony—are divine in origin and surpass all worldly blessings. Grace is God's unmerited favor, forgiveness, and acceptance, while peace is the result of that grace, bringing inner tranquility and reconciliation with God and others. This blessing stands in stark contrast to the confusion and turmoil the Colossians were experiencing due to false teachings that introduced angel worship, legalistic rules, and human traditions, which undermined the sufficiency of Christ and the grace of God.*

*The letter was likely written from a Roman prison around 60-62 AD, possibly carried by Tychicus and Onesimus, and was promoted by news from Epaphras, who had evangelized the church and reported the threat posed by heretical teachings. Paul's purpose was to anchor the Colossians in the true gospel, emphasizing that Christ is supreme and sufficient, and that salvation comes through faith in Him alone, not through adherence to laws or rituals. The theme of Christ's supremacy is foundational, even in the introduction, as Paul sets the tone for the entire letter by directing attention to Jesus as the center of all things.*

*"To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ."*  
**Romans 1:7**

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WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE THIS WEEK TO  
APPLY WHAT YOU LEARNED AS A COUPLE?

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."  
Ephesians 2:8*

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OUR PRAYERS