

THE BIG DEAL
Colossians 1:1–14 CSB

I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable. ⁵For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ. ⁶So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude. ⁸Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ. ⁹For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ, ¹⁰and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

Colossians 2:4-10 (CSB)

1. Our FAITH is a big deal.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel...

Colossians 1:3-5 (CSB)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, "There is no resurrection of the dead"? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith. ¹⁵Moreover, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified wrongly about God that he raised up Christ—whom he did not raise up, if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. ¹⁹If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (CSB)

2. Our LOVE is a big deal.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel...

Colossians 1:3-5 (CSB)

"But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don't hold back your shirt either. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and from someone who takes your things, don't ask for them back. ³¹Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love

those who love them. ³³If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For he is gracious to the ungrateful and evil. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.”

Luke 6:27-36 (CSB)

3. Our HOPE is a big deal.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the word of truth, the gospel...

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1 Corinthians 15:19 (CSB)

He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also put eternity in their hearts, but no one can discover the work God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (CSB)

So, when Gentiles, who do not by nature have the law, do what the law demands, they are a law to themselves even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts. Their consciences confirm this. Their competing thoughts either accuse or even excuse them ¹⁶on the day when God judges what people have kept secret, according to my gospel through Christ Jesus.

Romans 2:14-16 (CSB)

4. Our GOSPEL is a big deal.

... that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and came to truly appreciate God's grace. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dearly loved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has told us about your love in the Spirit.

Colossians 1:6-8 (CSB)

For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you. We are asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. ¹⁴In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:9-14 (CSB)