

## A Letter from God (through Paul) to Us

### Colossians 1:1-18

**1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, and Timothy our brother,  
<sup>2</sup>**To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

- 1. Truth is that Jesus got Paul's attention, and Paul said 'yes' to Jesus command to follow Him. Truth is that in that relation with Jesus, Paul writes this letter to the Christians at Colosse.**

<sup>3</sup>We give thanks to the **God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, praying **always for you**, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of **your faith in Christ Jesus** and of **your love for all the saints**; <sup>5</sup>because of **the hope** which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you **heard** before in **the word of the truth of the gospel**, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; <sup>7</sup>as you also learned from Epaphras, **our dear fellow servant**, who is a faithful minister of Christ **on your behalf**, <sup>8</sup>who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

- 2. Truth is found in fellowship with the Lord and His church.**

<sup>9</sup>For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, **do not cease to pray for you**, and to ask that **you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; <sup>10</sup>that **you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him**, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup>strengthened with all might, **according to His glorious power**, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father **who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light**. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup>**in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.**

- 3. The Truth is that the church should be Christ-like in caring for the church.**

<sup>15</sup>He is the **image of the invisible God**, the **firstborn over all creation**. <sup>16</sup>For **by Him all things** were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, **visible and**

**invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him and for Him.** <sup>17</sup> And **He is before all things**, and in **Him all things consist.** <sup>18</sup> And He is the **head of the body**, the **church**, who is the beginning, the **firstborn from the dead**, that in all things He may have the **preeminence**.

#### **4. Truth is we are to be Jesus' body. So, Who is Jesus?**

**The choice is today for someone here and perhaps others... His ways or the ways of satan? His Light of Truth or the light of shame hiding the Truth and sin in your life? Heaven or Hell eternally? This letter tells the Truth. Will you receive the Truth in your life today? Call on Jesus.**