

Colossians



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Philippians

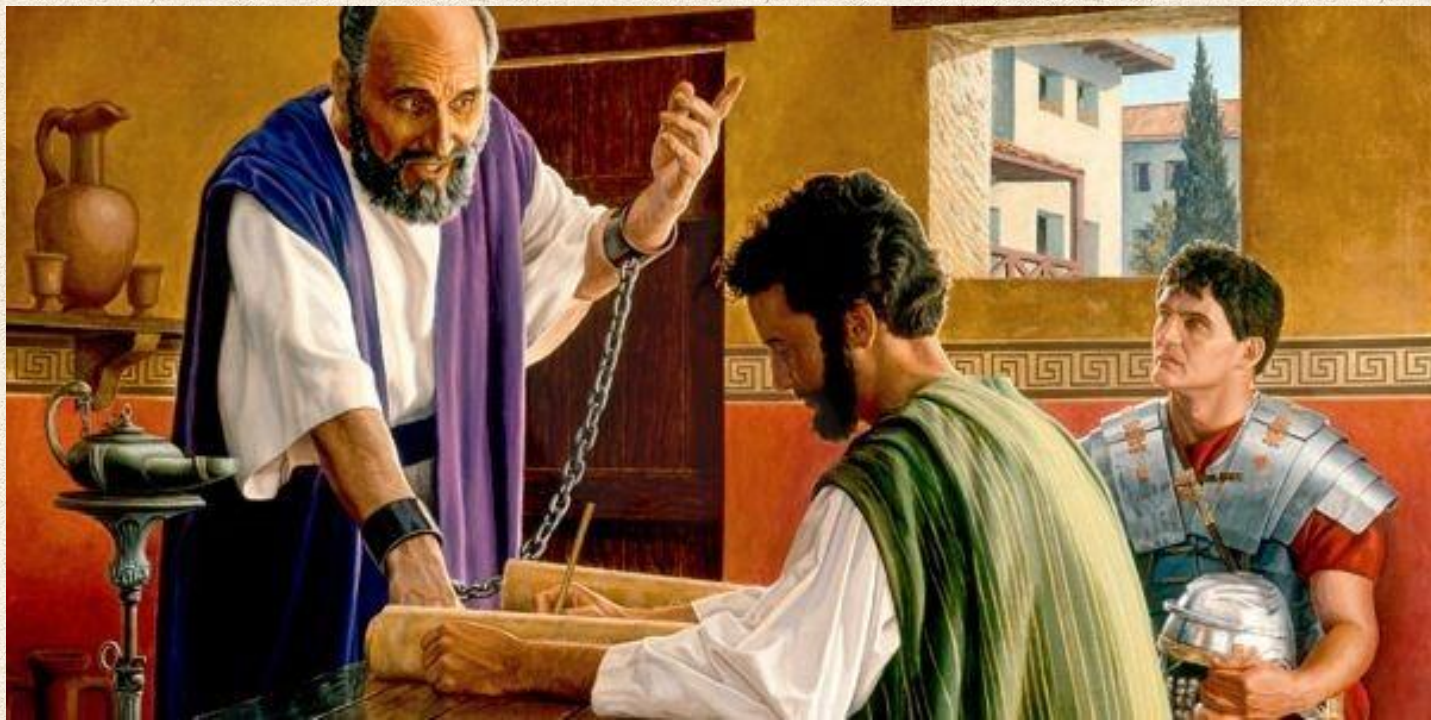
Joyfully Demonstrating a Resolute  
Hope in Jesus

Colossians 1:1-14



**Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**

(Phil. 1:6)



# Church at Colossae

*Inland:*  
Colossae  
Laodicea  
Hierapolis

*Coast:*  
Ephesus

*Home of:*  
Epaphras  
(teacher)

Onesimus,  
Philemon  
(examples)



**“Tell them what you are going to tell them,  
tell them,  
then tell them what you told them.”**

**(Aristotle)**

# **Colossians 1:1-14**

**“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.” (1:13)**

**Angels**



**Christ**



**Law**





**“The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you.” (1:6)**

**“Faith in Christ Jesus”**

***Who is the source of life?  
(Creation & Cross)  
→ Hold fast***



**“Love for All God’s People”**

***From all groups  
(ethnic, social,  
economic; 3:11)  
→ Unity***

**“That spring from  
the HOPE  
stored up for you  
in heaven.” (1:5)**



***When do we receive life?***

***“Christ in you, the hope  
of glory.” (1:27)***

***“When Christ, who is your life,  
appears, then you also will  
appear with him in glory.” (3:4)***

# **Do The Three Core Plants Grow in Our Garden?**

- **Visible & central?**  
(not overrun by less important plants or weeds)
- **Deep roots of faith?**  
(not a veneer of religion)
- **One family?**  
(not warring tribes)
- **Shaped by hope in God's future?**  
(not "what have you done for me lately?")

**“We have not stopped praying for you.  
We continually ask God to ...” (1:9, 11)**

**“Fill you  
with the  
knowledge  
of his will”**



**“We are asking God that you may see things, as it were, from his point of view by being given spiritual insight and understanding.”**

**(JB Phillips)**

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**“Strengthen  
with all  
power”**



**“So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way.” (1:10)**

**“We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master’s name, and that you may bring joy to his heart.”**

**(JB Phillips)**



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- **Bearing Fruit In Every Good Work**  
→ *in church, family, work, city*
- **Growing In The Knowledge Of God**  
→ *of a traveler, not an observer*
- **Have Great Endurance and Patience**  
→ *in church or city conflicts*

# Growing God's Garden at FHBC

**“We always **thank** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we **pray** for you.... giving joyful thanks to the Father.” (1:3, 12)**

**→ Thankful to God for His work in others?  
(not angrily focused on differences)**

**→ Asking God to help others?  
(not self-reliant)**

**Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**

**Therefore, my dear friends, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.**

**(Phil. 1:6; 2:12-13)**