

Saint Paul's Baptist Church

Weekday Study Notes

W E L C O M E T O S A I N T P A U L ' S

Saint Paul's Baptist Church exists to empower people to grow into all that God created them to be. We do that by finding needs and meeting them, finding problems and solving them, finding hurts and healing them.

G E T C O N N E C T E D

God created us for community. To volunteer, participate in a small group, or learn more about upcoming events, visit myspbc.info/app to download our free mobile app.

N E E D P R A Y E R ?

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us during or after worship services for personal prayer by logging on to myspbc.info/prayerroom. You may also submit a prayer request anytime at myspbc.info/prayer.

JESUS OVER EVERYTHING: A STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

Today's Lesson: The Celebration of the Church

Colossians 1:1-8: New International Version

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you.

In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who

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is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf,⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Colossians 3:1: Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 2:6: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.

Acts 19:10 says that during that time “all ... who lived in the province of Asia [which included Colosse] heard the word of the Lord.”

Gnosticism: The very word for Gnosticism comes from the Greek word gnosis, which means “to know.” The Gnostics, “people in the know,” the spiritual elite with all the answers, held as their basic doctrine that matter (anything physical or created) was evil and that only the spirit was good.

1. A CELEBRATION OF _____ (vv. 1, 2)

Galatians 4:6, Ephesians 1:1-14, 2 Corinthians 5:17, James 1:1; Acts 15:23; 23:26

2. A CELEBRATION OF _____ (vv. 3-5a)

Galatians 5:6, John 13:34, 35, 1 Timothy 1:1, Titus 2:11-13, 1 John 3:2, 3, John 1:16

3. A CELEBRATION OF _____ (vv. 5b-8)

- We are God's holy and faithful ones, saints.
- We are brothers and sisters with a common Father.
- We are “in Christ,” and are part of the joyous mystery of his Body.
- The grace of God has been freely poured on us.
- We have peace, shalom, the well-being that results from divine grace and the presence of God.
- God has given us faith, love, and hope: faith in Christ in love for all the saints—hope stored up in heaven.

So let us in joyful continuity with the Colossian church, daily celebrate the Good News of abundance of life in Jesus Christ!