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Rules of Biblical Interpretation:

- Document context
- Historical background
- Entirety of Bible
- Goal of clarity, not for hidden secrets
- Form of literature

Colossians 1:1-14

Who wrote it? _____ and _____.

To whom was it written? _____.

For what purpose was it written? _____

Application of 1:1-14 line by line:

1. How sure am I that I have been chosen by God?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
Not Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

2. Do I pray for a certain group of people daily?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Somewhat Mildly Mostly Totally

3. Do others know of my faith in Christ, and do they see it by the way I love God's people?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally

4. Do I have a confident hope of what God has reserved for me in heaven?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Unsure Minimal Yes Totally

5. Can I say the gospel has changed my life?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Unsure Minimal Yes Totally

6. Do I spread the Good News everywhere I go?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally

7. Do I ask the Holy Spirit to give me a love for others?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Seldom Sometimes Often Totally

8. Do I know the truths of God and am I applying them to my life?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally

9. Is the way I am living my life pleasing God, it is bearing fruit and am I getting to know God better and better?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally

10. Am I demonstrating God's power in me to show more endurance, more patience and more joy?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Somewhat Fair Good Totally

11. Do I know that I have been transferred into a new kingdom and that my sins are forgiven?

1..... 2.....3.....4.....5
No Unsure Somewhat Mostly Totally

Resources:

- Biblehub.com (Clarke's Commentary, Expositors Bible Commentary)
- The AMG Concise-Bible Commentary, IntersVarsity Bible Commentary