

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE – 04.26.15
SERIES: SATURATE – WEEK 1

Colossians 1:3-14 (ESV)

3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. 9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1. THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL CHANGES US

Romans 1:16 (ESV) - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

1. The Gospel is the truth

Colossians 1:5 (ESV) ... Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel

2. The Gospel is an undeserved gift

Colossians 1:6 (ESV) ... since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,

3. The Gospel has to saturate us

Colossians 1:6 (ESV) ... it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood

4. The Gospel changes us

Colossians 1:6 (ESV) ... as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing

A. It changes our FAITH

Colossians 1:4 (ESV) - since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus . . . ,

B. It changes our LOVE

*Colossians 1:4 (ESV) - . . . and of the love that you have for all the saints,
1 John 4:19 (ESV) - We love because he first loved us.*

C. It changes our Hope

Colossians 1:5 (ESV) - because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

2. THE POWER OF GOD ENABLES US

A. To know His will

Colossians 1:9 (ESV) - ... filled with the knowledge of his will...

B. To go His way

*Colossians 1:10 (ESV) - so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord...
Philippians 2:13 (NLT) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.*

C. To remain joyfully unshaken

Colossians 1:11 (ESV) -11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,