

# **Paul's Epistle to the Colossians**

## **Introduction**

1A. Author

2A. Date and place of writing

3A. Destination

4A. Occasion

5A. Theme

6A. Purpose

7A. Key verses

8A. Message

# Synthetic Overview of Colossians

(Taken from *Talk Thru the Bible* by Wilkinson and Boa)

Focus	Supremacy of Christ					Submission to Christ						
	<b>Divisions</b>	Introduction	Preeminence of Christ		Freedom in Christ	Position of the Believer		Practice of the Believer				
	1:1	1:14	1:15	2:3	2:4	2:23	3:1	3:4	3:5	4:6	4:7	4:18
Topics	Doctrinal					Practical						
	What Christ did for us					What Christ does through us						
Place	Rome											
Time	A.D. 60 – 61											

# Exposition of Colossians

(with NKJV text)

## **(1:1-2) Greeting to the church**

*1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,*

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Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ

Paul, an apostle by the will of God

Timothy, our brother

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*1:2 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.*

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The saints and faithful brethren in Christ

Grace to you and peace

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

## **(1:3-8) A note of commendation: Paul's thanksgiving for the Colossians**

*1:3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,  
1:4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;*

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We give thanks for you to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

We have been praying for you since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus

We have been praying for you since we heard of your love for all the saints

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*1:5 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,  
1:6 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;*

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We give thanks because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven

You heard of this hope, which is in the gospel

The gospel has come to you and to the all the world

The gospel is bringing forth fruit in the world and among you