**Rooted in Christ, A Study of Colossians - Lesson 1**

Women of Grace | GraceLife Church

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.*

 *--Colossians 1:1-2*

**Day 1** – Overview: Read Colossians. Observe and note any themes you see.

1. Chapter 1 main points.
2. Chapter 2 main points.

**Day 2** – Read Colossians. Observe and note themes you may see.

1. Chapter 3 main points.
2. Chapter 4 main points.
3. What is the difference between the indicative and imperative?
4. Why is this important to understand as we study the book of Colossians?

**Day 3** – Introduction: Setting and Background, Verse 1

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

*--Colossians 1:1*

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1. When was Colossians written? Who is the human author?
2. Who was Paul? See Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-6, 15; 22:25-28; Philippians 3:5-6.
	1. What kind of life did God call Paul to? See Acts 9:16.
3. What other books did Paul write?
4. Where was Paul when he wrote this letter?
	1. What are the other “Prison Epistles”?
5. Based on Colossians 2:1, was it likely that Paul had ever visited Colossae?

**Day 4** – Introduction: Setting and Background, Part 2

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1. How does Paul describe himself in the introduction to this letter?
	1. What is the significance of that description?
2. Are there Apostles today?
3. What must be true of those who take the office of Apostleship? See Acts 1:21-26.
4. Who is Timothy? See Acts 16:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Timothy 1:2; 5:23; 2 Timothy 1:5.
5. In which other letters is Timothy the co-sender?

**Day 5** – Verse 2

*To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. --Colossians 1:2*

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1. Where was Colossae?
2. Would the Colossian church have been mainly Jewish or Gentile?
3. What does Paul call the believers in the Colossian Church?
4. Who brings the news to Paul about the danger Colossae is facing? See 1:7; 4:12-13.
5. Define:
	1. Grace
	2. Peace
6. Where do grace and peace come from?
	1. Does this apply to us today? How is that a comfort to you?

Dig Deeper:

1. From your knowledge of Colossians, what would have been some of the dangers and false teachings infiltrating the Colossians church?
2. Use a commentary or other resource to discover how far Epaphras would have had to travel to see Paul. How long would the journey have taken him?
3. For further information on modern-day apostles read: https://www.forthegospel.org/read/are-there-still-apostles-today?rq=apostles