

Colossians

Week 2 – Chapter 1:5-18

Colossians 1:1-8

- Thanksgiving for the Colossians
 - Their *faith* in Christ Jesus
 - Their *love* for all the saints
 - The *hope* laid up in heaven
 - That they learned by hearing the word of truth
 - They learned it the same way the rest of the (Roman) world had learned it (Rom 10:12-17)
 - The word was constantly bearing fruit and increasing just as it had been doing in them since they heard it and understood it (Jn 15:5)
 - They heard and learned these words from Epaphras
 - He also informed Paul of their genuine love in the Spirit (Gal 5:16, 22-23)

Colossians 1:9-12

- Prayer for the Colossians
 - Be filled with the knowledge of His will (Eph 4:11-13)
 - In all spiritual wisdom and understanding (James 3:13-18; 2 Tim 2:15; 1 Thess 2:12-13)
 - That you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in everything (2 Cor 5:7; 1 John 1:6-7; Col 1:18)
 - Bearing fruit in every good work (Col 1:6; Lk 8:15)
 - Growing into the full knowledge of God (2 Pet 3:18)
 - Strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory (Jn 14:23)
 - For the attaining of all endurance and patience with joy (1 Pet 4:13)
 - Giving thanks to the Father
 - For qualifying us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light

Colossians 1:13-18

- Superiority of Christ
 - He delivered us out of darkness
 - Transferred us to the kingdom of His Son
 - In Christ, we have redemption, through His blood
 - He is the image of God, firstborn over all creation
 - All things were created by Him and for Him
 - He is before all things and in Him all things hold together
 - He is the head of the church
 - He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead
 - So that, He would have first place in everything