

Bible Study – June 2, 2021
The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Christ – Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

BACKGROUND

Many people today, like the false teachers at Colossae, will give Jesus Christ a place of eminence, but they will not give Him His rightful place of preeminence. He is not a "great man among great men"; He is God's Son, preeminent in all things! In this first chapter, the apostle declares Christ's preeminence in several areas of life.

The false teachers had a message, but their message had no power to it. They taught about angels, "emanations" from God, legalistic rules, and bodily disciplines, but their message had no power to transform lives. In these verses Paul reviews the effect the Gospel of Christ had on the Colossians.

NOTES:

SELECT AT LEAST ONE ACTIVITY BELOW TO COMPLETE BEFORE NEXT WEEK

Pray: Take time out to thank God for delivering you from sin and death. Pray for revelation on what it means to live a life that reflects the salvation you've received.

Memorize: Commit Colossians 1:13–14 to memory this week. Create a background for your phone with the verse or write it out on a 3/5 card. Recite it to yourself to remind you of what God has done for you.

Act: As an expression of gratitude toward God, show the love of GOD through an act of kindness to someone else this week. As you do so, pray for the person you are serving.

Thank: Send a thank you text, note, or email to the people in your life who have been instrumental in your spiritual maturation. Express to them your gratitude for how GOD used them to help you grow stronger in the LORD.