

# COLOSSIANS 1:1-8: Transformed by the Gospel of Grace

**THE BACKGROUND:** Written by \_\_\_\_\_ with help from \_\_\_\_\_.  
Written to the church at \_\_\_\_\_: the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Point: This is not just a theological \_\_\_\_\_, but a \_\_\_\_\_  
written to \_\_\_\_\_, Christian pioneers in the early church.

## WHY WAS THE LETTER WRITTEN?

Epaphras had asked for help in dealing with \_\_\_\_\_.

- \* What had begun as a \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel slowly began to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Gnostics considered themselves to be ' \_\_\_\_\_'.
- \* Taught Jesus was neither \_\_\_\_\_, nor \_\_\_\_\_.  
So, the key challenge was to the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
- \* Paul wrote Colossians defending the \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

## OUR CONTEMPORARY DANGER

Forms of \_\_\_\_\_ (religious ideas mixed together) &  
Gnosticism have \_\_\_\_\_ religion & philosophy in our day.

Danger is, we take Biblical Christianity and add a bit of \_\_\_\_\_,  
insist on our own take on \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, mix in  
our own \_\_\_\_\_ ideology, and the next thing you know, the  
Gospel has been subtly \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3 COMMENDATIONS for the Colossian Christians

1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus
2. Their \_\_\_\_\_ for one another
3. Their \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 THOUGHTS FROM THE TEXT (v6)

1. The Pure Gospel is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* Not any \_\_\_\_\_,  
but the \_\_\_\_\_: The message of amazing grace = Salvation  
by \_\_\_\_\_ alone, through \_\_\_\_\_ alone, in \_\_\_\_\_ alone.
- i) The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_
- iii) The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_
- iv) The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_
- v) The Gospel carries inherent \_\_\_\_\_ of God the Holy Spirit
- vi) The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_
- vii) The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_

Paul knew the Gospel stands and falls on one thing = \_\_\_\_\_  
and so this letter is designed to \_\_\_\_\_ that Gospel.

2. A true \_\_\_\_\_ of grace will \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* An understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ grace will change your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \* Understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's  
wonderful grace will change your \_\_\_\_\_.

GRACE Defined: Imparted \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ what we would ordinarily struggle to do \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Grace is God's \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- b) Grace is \_\_\_\_\_, but we need to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ on it  
(Hebrews 4:16).
- c) Grace is our \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:13)