

## The Gospel Changes Everything

### Colossians 1:1-8

#### A. Context: A small town, a good \_\_\_\_\_, and big hearts (v.1-2)

1. Little is known about the ancient town of \_\_\_\_\_, but we do know that it was located in the southwestern part of modern day Turkey, roughly 100 miles east of Ephesus.
2. While Paul and Timothy probably never visited the \_\_\_\_\_ in Colossae, they cared \_\_\_\_\_ for the believers there and sought to encourage and challenge them in Christ. (Colossians 4:7-18)

#### B. The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ selfish sinners into grateful saints. v.3-4

1. Paul and Timothy were moved to \_\_\_\_\_ upon hearing of the Colossian believers' faithfulness.
2. The Colossians' response to the Good News of Jesus Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ in Him that produced \_\_\_\_\_ for His body. (1 John 4:7-21)

#### C. The Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ fruit in the lives of those who know it to be true. v.5-6

1. The Colossians' perspective was not \_\_\_\_\_ by the here and now; their \_\_\_\_\_ was in eternity with Christ.
2. Because they \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God, the Colossian believers were growing in Christlikeness and bearing \_\_\_\_\_ for His glory. (Philippians 3:12-21, Romans 5:1-11)

#### D. The Gospel brings \_\_\_\_\_ into one body the people of God. v.7-8

1. The Colossians received \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ through the faithful witness of Epaphras, who in turn \_\_\_\_\_ the love of the Colossians to Paul and Timothy.
2. If our eyes have been \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth of the Gospel and our hearts transformed by God's grace, our lives will be \_\_\_\_\_ by faith in Christ and filled with love for His \_\_\_\_\_. (John 11:47-52, Ephesians 4:1-6, Romans 12:9-21, Ephesians 5)

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