

**Colossians 1:1-8 (October 22, 2023)**  
**“The Gospel You Have Heard”**

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

**READ Colossians 1:1-8**

1. What does Colossians 1:1 reveal about Paul? What do you learn about Timothy from Colossians 1:1; Acts 16:1-5; 1 Corinthians 4:17, 16:10-11; Philippians 2:19-22? What do you find about Epaphras in Colossians 1:7, 4:12-13; Philemon 23? What do you learn that inspires you?

2. Paul addresses his letter to the saints or “God’s holy people” (NIV) and faithful brothers. For what reason are they deemed holy and faithful? Do you consider yourself to be holy and faithful? Explain.

3. “Grace to you and peace from God our Father” (Colossians 1:2b). What is Paul talking about in this greeting to the Colossians?

4. The Colossians are commended for their faith and love which is **based upon their hope**.

a) What is the hope that is stimulated by the good news of Jesus Christ?

b) What kind of faith should you put in Christ?

c) How does the relationship with Christ affect one's attitudes and actions towards others?

5. Paul frequently speaks of the virtues of faith, love, and hope. From this passage and the following what do you discover about these virtues?

Colossians 1:3-8

Romans 5:1-5

1 Corinthians 13:13

Galatians 5:5-6

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5a, 5:8

6. What is the truth of the gospel which Paul speaks about in this passage to which the Colossians heard and understood (1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Romans 3:21-23; Ephesians 2:1-10)? Do you believe this is the truth?