

“EPAPHRAS – THE MAN, HIS MESSAGE & HIS MINISTRY”
(Colossians 1:7-8)

* 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 --- Why are these characteristics important?

I. THE SALUTATION TO THE COLOSSIANS (1:1-2)

II. THE PRAYERS OF PAUL AND TIMOTHY FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

A. Their THANKSGIVING. (1:3-8)

Paul and Timothy were very grateful...

1. for these **FELLOW-BELIEVERS**. (1:3-4)

a. Paul's gratitude was caused by _____ of these
believer's...

1) _____ in _____.

2) _____ to all the _____.

2. for the **GOSPEL OF GRACE**. (1:5-6)

a. The Gospel is the reason for their _____.

b. The Gospel needs to be _____.

c. The Gospel message is _____.

d. The Gospel is _____.

e. The Gospel _____ and is designed to _____.

f. The Gospel exalts and emphasizes the _____.

g. The Gospel understood equals _____ the grace of God.

h. The Gospel needs a _____.

i. The Gospel is to be _____.

3. for the **MINISTRY OF EPAPHRAS**. (1:7-8)

a. The human channel who had taught these believers the Gospel of grace was _____.

* Why does Paul mention Epaphras?

b. The **MESSAGE** he taught was _____.

* "learned" -

c. The **MINISTRY** he had was one of _____.

* What else do we know about him? (4:12)

* What do we know of the believers he taught? (vs 8)

d. The **MAN** was appreciated as...

1) a dear _____.

2) a _____ of Jesus Christ.

3) The one who told Paul and Timothy of these believer's _____ by means of the Holy Spirit.

*How does all this apply to you?