



Grace Life Church

*of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

# Colossians 1:1-2

# Greeting, Introduction

# & Overview

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# **Colossians 1:1-2**

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father*

# The Author-Paul

## Who is Paul?

- **Acts 7:58** *Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.*
- **Acts 8:1** *And Saul approved of his execution....v3 But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.*
- **Acts 9:1** *But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord*
- Saul, the Pharisee and murderous persecutor of the church, becomes Paul the author of the book of Colossians (12 other books in NT)

# The Author-Paul

## Paul identifies himself as *an apostle of Christ Jesus*

- **Apostle:** a delegate, a messenger
- **Acts 1:26** *And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.*
- **Ephesians 4:11-12** *And He (Jesus) gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry.*
- **1 Corinthians 9:1** *Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my workmanship in the Lord?*

## Who made Paul an apostle?

- *By the will of God*
- **Acts 9:15** *Go for he (Paul) is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles & kings & the children of Israel.*

*And Timothy our brother*

# The Recipients-Christians in Colossae

*To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:*

**Saints:** a most holy thing, set apart (set apart from sin and unto God)

- **Hebrews 10:14** *For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified*

**Faithful:** one who has become convinced that Jesus is the Messiah and author of salvation (Believing/Trusting)

**Brothers:** the most frequently used description of Christians in the Bible

**In Christ:** in union with Him (everything that it means to be united to Christ)

**At Colossae:** How did the church in Colossae start?

- **Acts 19:10** *This continued on for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord (both Jews and Greeks)*
- **Colossians 1:7** *just as you learned it (gospel) from Epaphras (4:12 who is one of you)*

# Greeting

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father*

**Grace-** good will, loving-kindness, favor (Unmerited favor from God)

**Peace-** the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is

## **Why did Paul write to the church at Colossae?**

- Paul has a goal for them: 1:28 *that we may present everyone mature in Christ (For this I toil and struggle)*
- Address the concern in 2:8 *See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according human tradition, according to the elemental spirit of the world, and not according to Christ:*
  - Paul's answer: Show them the supremacy (preeminence) of Christ (1:15-20)

# Greeting

## Why did Paul write to the church at Colossae?

- *2:16 Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in question of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.*
  - Paul's answer: Demonstrate the sufficiency of Christ alone (2:14-15, 20-23)
- The supremacy (preeminence) and sufficiency of Christ have always been under attack and they are under attack now
- In seeing and understanding the supremacy of Christ and the sufficiency of Christ, Paul will teach them what it means to live Christ (Ch3-4)

**Classes & Activities**

**Location**

903 W. Parker Rd Plano (North East Corner of Alma and Parker)

**Worship Time:**

8:30 am Prayer Meeting  
9:30 am Main Service

**Monthly Men's meeting**

Email [Jesse](#) for details

**Prayer Meeting**

We often have mid-week prayer meetings in homes, please check the newsletter and/or calendar for locations and times.

**The Preeminence of Christ in all Things**

Colossians 1:15-18

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

**Calendar of Events**



**Worship**

**This Sunday 9:30 a.m.**  
Pastor Jesse Barrington is currently preaching through Philipians

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**Information**