

Colossians 1:1-8  
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**“We always give thanks when we pray for you”**

**Thank God for Christians!**

**I. A brief introduction to the book of Colossians**

- A. One of four “prison epistles” (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon).
- B. Probably written from Rome around AD 60.
- C. Colossae in Asia (Acts 19:10; Col. 4:15-16)
- D. Addressing false teaching (Col. 2:8, 15, 16, 18, 20)

**II. Thank God whenever you pray for your brothers (1:1-3).**

- A. Paul’s relationship with the Colossians (1:1)
- B. Who the Colossian brothers were (1:2)
- C. Petition matched with thanksgiving (1:3)

**III. Thank God for the fruit (1:4)**

- A. Faith in Christ
- B. Love for the saints
- C. The best thing we can say about anyone

**IV. Thank God for the root (1:5-8)**

- A. Hope in the Gospel (1:5)
- B. Familiarity with how the Gospel works (1:6)
- C. Familiarity with the Gospel of God’s grace
- D. Familiarity with the Gospel’s progress in *this* place