

September 14 / Colossians 1:1-5



Read the Bible

Open your Bible and read Colossians 1:1-5.



Bible Detective

Paul starts his letter by thanking God for the Colossian believers. As you read, find the three things Paul says he has heard about them:

_____, _____, _____

Hint: Look at verse 4 and the beginning of verse 5!



Think About It

Imagine someone told your teacher: "I can tell this student really follows Jesus because of the way they treat people."

What kinds of things would that person have seen you doing?



What Does It Mean?

Paul was thankful because the Colossians weren't just people who *said* they believed in Jesus. Their faith was showing up in their lives. They trusted Jesus, loved God's people, and had hope because of what God had promised them. Our faith should be more than knowing Bible stories or saying that we're Christians. When Jesus changes our hearts, that change should begin to show in how we treat people, make choices, and respond when life is difficult.



Live It Out!

Pick one, and write out specifically how you will live it out.



Love: Do something kind for someone.  **Faith:** Obey God even when it's difficult.  **Hope:** Remember one promise God has made.



Talk to God

Ask God to help your faith become visible through the way you live.

September 15 / Colossians 1:6-8



Read the Bible

Open your Bible and read Colossians 1:6-8.



Growth Challenge

Paul says the gospel is "bearing fruit and growing" throughout the world. Imagine the gospel is a tiny seed. What happens when a seed grows?

Seed → _____ → _____ → _____

Now think: What kind of "fruit" should the gospel produce in a Christian's life?



Think About It

According to verse 6, what happens when people hear and understand God's grace?



What Does It Mean?

The good news about Jesus is meant to change lives. Paul says the gospel was growing and producing fruit all over the world because people were hearing about God's grace and responding to it. The same thing should happen in us. When we understand that Jesus has forgiven us and saved us by grace, that truth should produce "fruit" in our lives—things like love, kindness, patience, forgiveness, and obedience. We don't produce this fruit by pretending to be good. We grow by staying close to Jesus and allowing His truth to change us.



Live It Out!

Choose one piece of "fruit" you want God to grow in you more. Kindness, patience, forgiveness, self-control, love.

I want God to grow _____ in me.



Talk to God

"God, help Your Word grow in my heart and produce good fruit in my life."

September 16 / Colossians 1:9-10



Read the Bible

Open your Bible and read Colossians 1:9-10.



Paul's Prayer Challenge

Paul says he is praying that the Colossians would:

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| ☐ Know God's will | ☐ Have spiritual wisdom | ☐ Understand what pleases God |
| ☐ Live a life worthy of the Lord | ☐ Bear fruit | ☐ Grow in knowing God |

How many did you check? _____



Your Turn

If Paul were praying for you, which one would you want him to pray for the most, and why?



What Does It Mean?

Paul's prayer is interesting because he doesn't simply ask God to make the Colossians smarter, richer, more popular, or more successful. He prays that they would know God's will and live in a way that pleases Him. That's a great prayer for us too. Knowing what God wants isn't supposed to stay inside our heads. It should change the way we live. The more we know God through His Word, the more we should want our choices, words, and actions to please Him.



Live It Out!

Before making one decision today, stop and ask: *"What choice would please Jesus?"* Then choose it!



Talk to God

"God, help me know what pleases You and give me wisdom to live it out."

September 17 / Colossians 1:11-12



Read the Bible

Open your Bible and read Colossians 1:11-12.

Strength Test

When you hear the word strength, what do you think of? Strong muscles, running fast, or winning a competition? But look at verse 11. Paul talks about a different kind of strength. Find it!

God's strength helps us have _____ and _____.



Think About It

Which takes more strength?

- A. Getting revenge when someone hurts you
- B. Staying patient and forgiving them

Which one do you think requires God's strength?



What Does It Mean?

God's strength isn't only about doing something physically difficult. Sometimes the strongest thing you can do is be patient when you're frustrated, forgive someone who hurt you, or keep trusting God when something isn't going your way. Paul prayed that the Colossians would be strengthened by God's power so they could live with endurance and patience. We don't have to depend only on our own strength. God gives His children the strength they need to keep following Him, even when obedience is hard.



Live It Out!

The next time someone annoys you this week, pause before reacting and pray, "God, give me Your strength to respond with patience."



Talk to God

"Ask God to give you strength to respond like Jesus."

September 18 / Colossians 1:13-14



Read the Bible

Open your Bible and read Colossians 1:13-14.

Before & After

Paul describes two different kingdoms.

Before: _____ After: _____

What did God do to move us from one to the other?

And what do we receive through Jesus?

_____ and _____



What Does It Mean?

Paul says that God has rescued His people from the kingdom of darkness and brought them into the kingdom of His beloved Son. Before Jesus, sin had control over us and separated us from God. But Jesus came to rescue us. Through Him, we have redemption and forgiveness of sins. Being a Christian isn't simply about becoming a nicer person. It means that God has rescued us from the power of sin and given us a new place in His kingdom. We now belong to Jesus!



Live It Out!

Complete this sentence:

“Because Jesus rescued me, I can _____.”

Maybe you can forgive someone, choose obedience, stop being controlled by fear, or show someone God's love.



Talk to God

“God, thank You for rescuing me from darkness and forgiving my sins. Help me live like someone who belongs to Your kingdom.”