

Studies in Colossians

Introduction - 1:14

- Colossae was not among the churches Paul worked with, but was established by fellow worker Epaphras
- Paul wrote Colossians in the company of many fellow workers; Timothy, Aristarchus, Luke, and others
- Paul wrote to help the brethren deal with high-sounding philosophies that undermined the work of Christ

- Chapter One: Christ has supplied every need
- Chapter Two: Don't be robbed of Christ's blessings by empty religion
- Chapters Three-Four: What it looks like to be changed by Christ

- Verses 1-8 Paul's Thanksgiving for the brethren:
 - Their faith that connected them
 - Their love that demonstrated it
 - Their hope that acted as a foundation
 - The truth of the Gospel

- Verses 9-14: Paul's prayer for the Colossians
 - A knowledge of His will
 - Action brought on by knowledge
 - Strength and patience to continue