

Colossians Lesson 2—Colossians 1:1-14

The People of Christ



Memorize the TRUTH!

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14

DAY 1: Colossians 1:1-2—God’s Holy People

1. According to these verses, who wrote the letter to the Colossians, and what do you learn about him?
2. To whom was this letter addressed, and from these verses, what do you know about them?
3. Consider what you learned in Lesson 1 about the Colossian church’s circumstances at this time. Why did the Colossian believers need God’s grace and peace?

DAY 2: Colossians 1:3-8—The Good News Spreads

4. Based on these verses, give a short description of the Colossian believers in your own words.
5. Would you say that the Colossians were doing well spiritually? Explain your answer.
6. From whom had the Colossians first heard the gospel? How did Paul describe him?
7. How have you seen the gospel bearing fruit in
 - a. faraway places?
 - b. your community?
 - c. your own life?



Learn the TRUTH!

Paul reminded the Colossians of the hope that was waiting for them in heaven. If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, there is hope stored up for you in heaven, too. But that hope isn’t just for when you die—it should have an effect on the way you feel, think, and live now. Think about how the hope of heaven affects these three areas: relationships, problems, and thoughts about the future. Choose one of these and plan to talk with your small group about how the hope of the gospel can make a practical difference in your life now.

DAY 3: Colossians 1:9—Knowing God’s Will

8. Review yesterday’s passage alongside the verse for today.
 - a. What prompted Paul to pray for the Colossians?

 - b. Do you usually pray for people who are doing well or people who are struggling in some way? Why is it good to do both?

9. Why is it important to know God’s will? (See also Romans 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18.)

DAY 4: Colossians 1:10-11—Pleasing God

10. From this passage, what did Paul list as indicators that a person is walking worthy of the Lord and pleasing Him?

11. Pick one of the indicators from question 10 and give an example of what it might look like in a person’s life.

12. In what ways can endurance and patience help people get through difficulties?

13. How is it possible to have joy while enduring something hard? (See also Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; James 1:2-3.)

DAY 5: Colossians 1:12-14—Heirs of God’s Kingdom

14. Paul listed many benefits that the Colossians had received from the Father. Which of these benefits is especially meaningful to you, and why?

15. “Redemption” is what happens when someone pays the price required to free a captive. According to these verses, why did we need God’s redemption?

16. There are only two kingdoms, the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. Which kingdom do you belong to? How do you know? (See John 8:12; Romans 10:9-10.)

***Apply the TRUTH!***

Think about the people and needs you usually pray about. How will what you’ve learned from Paul’s prayer affect the way you pray about these concerns? Plan to talk about this fresh perspective in your small group.

DAY 6: Participate in Class