

God's WORD Changes Lives ~ Colossians 1:1-8

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INTRODUCTION

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To the Holy Faithful Followers of CHRIST ~ Colossians 1:1-8

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the holy and faithful brothers IN Christ at Colosse: Grace and Peace to you from God our Father.

IF God had not FIRST acted in Love and Mercy toward us, we would still be IN our sins. But because He took the initiative and SENT His Son to DIE for us, we can now have peace WITH God, peace WITH man, and the peace OF God IN our souls. MacDonald

IMPLICATION

² We are writing to God's HOLY people IN the city of Colosse, who are FAITHFUL brothers and sisters IN Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace. (NLT)

² To the saints IN Christ AT Colossae (CSB)

→ Bucket in Water

Romans 8:1-3 (NIV) ¹ Therefore, there is now NO condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me FREE from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the Law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God DID by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to BE a sin offering...

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body IS a TEMPLE of the Holy Spirit, who is IN you, whom you have received from God? You are NOT your own; ²⁰ you were BOUGHT at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

The expression IN Christ conveys more of intimacy, acceptance, and security than ANY human mind can FULLY understand. MacDonald

The TRUTH about the GOSPEL ~ Colossians 1:3-8

³ We always THANK God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your Faith in Christ Jesus and of the Love you have for ALL the saints- ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the HOPE that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the Word of Truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you.

⁶ ...All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's GRACE in all its truth. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

IMPLICATION

⁶ ALL over the world this GOSPEL is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it... (NIV)

⁶ This same Good News that came to you is going out ALL over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives... (NLT)

→The Fruit of the Gospel is CHANGED Lives

TAKE AWAY ??

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