## Colossians 1:4–8 (NLT)

For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people,

<sup>5</sup> which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.

<sup>6</sup> This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

<sup>7</sup> You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. <sup>8</sup> He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.

## God's WORD Changes Lives

Colossians 1:1-8

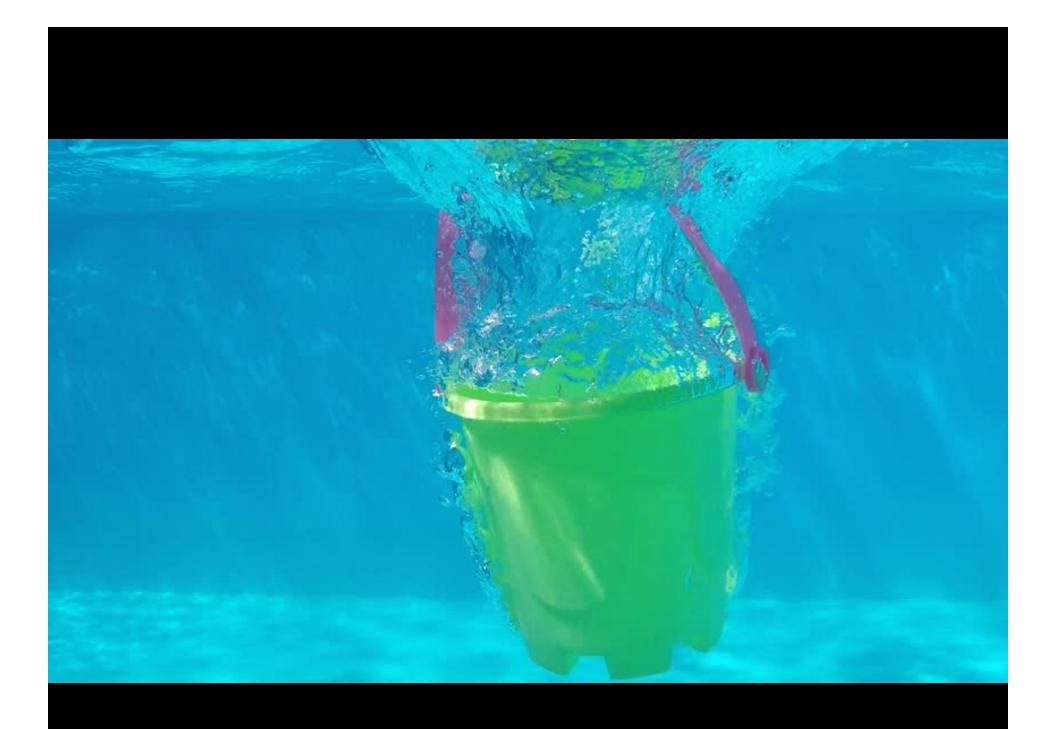


toward us, we would still be IN our sins.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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)

## <sup>2</sup> To the saints IN Christ AT Colossae (CSB)



Romans 8:1–3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now NO condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me FREE from the law of sin and death.

<sup>3</sup> 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...

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

<sup>6</sup> 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)

This same Good News that came to you is going out ALL over the world.

It is bearing fruit everywhere

by changing lives... (NLT)

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<sup>3</sup> We always THANK God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray FOR YOU,

<sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your FAITH in Christ Jesus and of the LOVE you have for ALL the saints.