

Colossians 1:4–8 (NLT)

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

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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. ⁸ 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



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

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)



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

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)

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It is **bearing fruit** everywhere
by **changing lives**... (NLT)

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is bearing **fruit** and **growing...**

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

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.