

# Colossians – Chapter 1

## “How to Become a Saint of God”

### Colossians 1:1-3

#### Introduction:

1. Colosse was a city in the Roman province of Asia (western Turkey), situated in the Lycus River Valley (10-mile-long valley), about \_\_\_\_\_ miles east of Ephesus.
2. The church at Colosse was very likely an outgrowth of Paul's ministry in Ephesus. Paul had a Bible Institute for two years in Ephesus.  
Acts 19:9, 10
3. Epaphras, most likely, was one of Paul's eager young Bible students. Epaphras then carried the gospel back to his \_\_\_\_\_ and neighboring cities. 1:7, 4:12-13
4. Why did Paul write this letter? Some serious \_\_\_\_\_ teaching had crept into the church.
5. Paul writes this letter and sends it to Colosse by the hands of Tychicus, one of Paul's faithful co-workers. 4:7
6. The theme of this book is rather simple: \_\_\_\_\_! - not as He was on \_\_\_\_\_, but as He is today, now glorified in the heavens as risen Head of the church, His body.
7. Some religious systems may make Christ \_\_\_\_\_, but He isn't **preeminent**.
8. Colossians 2:10 is the bedrock verse of this book. We are \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!

## Verse 1

1. There are 13 books of the New Testament that begin with the word *“Paul.”* In all of these but four, Paul affirms the fact that He is an apostle of Jesus Christ.
  - An apostle was a person who had actually \_\_\_\_\_ the risen Christ and was specially commissioned by Him.
2. Paul would be the one to take the gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentile nations, and would later refer to himself as the apostle of the Gentiles.
  - *“For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office.”* Romans 11:13
3. Timothy was not Paul's biological brother, but his spiritual brother in Christ. Paul also refers to Timothy as his \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith. 1 Timothy 1:2

## Verse 2

1. Paul calls these Colossians *“saints.”*
  - A saint is a person who has been \_\_\_\_\_ apart from this world unto God.
  - Faithful means that they were trusting and full of faith. But, what was the content of their faith? Their faith was \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ. vs. 4
2. This is how a person becomes a saint. It is through placing your faith and trust in Jesus Christ.
  - *“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours.”* 1 Corinthians 1:2

3. Notice that these believers were **in Christ**, but **at Colosse**.
  - Our physical address may be Daytona Beach, Florida. But, the most important question is not “**Where** do you live?” but “\_\_\_\_\_ are you in?”

### **Verse 3**

1. When Paul heard about these believers, he had two immediate responses:
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ God for them coming to Christ.
  - He \_\_\_\_\_ for these new believers.
2. Paul's prayers were concerned with his thankfulness to God for people (changed lives), and his prayers were focused on others and their \_\_\_\_\_ needs. 1 Corinthians 1:4-6; Ephesians 1:15-16; Philippians 1:3-5, 9-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 4-6