

Lesson#2: Colossians 1:1-14

I Colossians 1:1-2

Meditate on the following keywords and write down any thoughts on the differences between secular and biblical meaning of these words.

Grace

Peace

II Colossians 1:3-8

Paul wrote about Faith, Love and Hope in many of his letters. Read Colossians 1:3-8; Romans 5:1-5; 1 Corinthians 13:13; Ephesians 4:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:3, 5:8; and Hebrews 6:10-12. Write down some key points about Faith, Love and Hope in Jesus Christ.

Faith

Love

Hope

Why is it crucial that our hope is stored up in Heaven (1:5)?

What does it mean to have "love in the Spirit" (1:8)?

Read Colossians 1:3-8 and Mark 4:1-20. Paul says the gospel, the word of truth, is already "bearing fruit and growing" all over the world (1:6). a) What do you think "bearing fruit and growing" means in this context? b) What was necessary before the gospel could bear fruit and grow within the Colossians (or in us)?

Think about how the gospel has been bearing fruit and growing in you since you first heard and understood it.

Think about the reasons Paul was thankful to God for the Colossians. How might he have expressed his thankfulness differently and similarly if he had been writing to you?

III Colossians 1:9-14

Read Colossians 1:9-14. Break down the complicated sentences in 1:9-10 by completing the following phrases. Paul and Timothy continue to pray for the Colossians, asking God ...

to fill them with _____ through all _____
in order that _____

What steps can you take to bear fruit in good works and grow in **personal knowledge of God** (not just knowledge **about** Him)?

How can you know when you are pleasing God and being fruitful?

What do you think Paul means by “the inheritance of the saints” (1:12)? (See Romans 8:1-23) And when have or will we (Christians) share in this inheritance?

How is the “dominion of darkness” different from “the kingdom of the Son” (1:13-14)

What one truth in 1:1-14 that you would like to concentrate on for application?

Prayers:

