

Love, Faith, Hope, and Truth!



Colossians 1:1–8

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. 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. 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.

1 John 4:20 *Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen*

False teacher undermining the person and the preeminence of Christ

Man made philosophies vs. Biblical teachings

Legalism

Venerate angels

Abstain from certain foods

Participate in certain rituals

Rome is not your hope. Rome ruled the known world for fifteen hundred years. In July, the United States will be 236 years old. Rome ruled the world for 1500 years.

Syncretism

Gnosticism "learned" you're saved by what you know! Only for certain people. You can get so far on day one, keep coming and you will be able to open more doors. All that Christ did on the cross is not enough.

Mark 9:24 *"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"*

Questions we would like
to answer in the coming weeks.

1. What does this passage say?
2. What does this passage mean?
3. What is God telling me?
4. How am I encouraged and strengthened?
5. Is there sin in my life for which confession and repentance is needed?
6. How can I be changed, so I can learn and grow?
7. What is in the way of these precepts that's affecting me? What is in the way of me listening to God?
8. How does this apply to me? What will I do about it?
9. What can I model and teach?
10. What does God want me to share with someone?