

# Colossians

## Captivated by Christ in Gospel Hope

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-8

### Overview

At the very start of his letter, the apostle Paul thanked God for the evidence of gospel growth in the Colossian church. They had heard, understood, and believed the gospel under the ministry of Epaphras. Faith and love emerged in their lives because of their hope in Christ. It is always necessary that God's people lean into their eternal hope in Jesus Christ alone.

### Notes

Introductory Thoughts

Verses 1-2

Embrace the Hope in Heaven (verses 3-5a)...

...in the Gospel Today (5b-8).

### Personal Application

How will you actively embrace hope in Christ this week?

### Reflection Questions

1. What most grabbed your attention regarding the introduction to Colossians? What are you most looking forward to in this series?
2. Why does Paul express hope as the foundation of faith and love? Is hope something you give adequate attention to in your Christian life?
3. What is hope based on according to the passage? How does the gospel give hope for this life and the next (consider other passages such as Ephesians 1.13-14 and I Peter 1.3-5)?
4. How are you personally doing with hope in your life? In what ways are you tempted to hope in things other than Jesus?
5. How can you more actively focus your hope on Christ in the weeks ahead? How would that impact your faith in Christ and love for others?