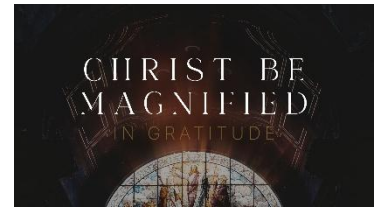


CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

In Gratitude

Colossians 1:1-8

Pastor Chris Lenhart - 2/23/25



Opening Thought Questions:

How does the gospel transform lives and shape the contours of faithful Christian congregations?

(1-3) United in Christ & Thankful

Important Reminders for reading and studying Colossians.

- 1) Paul never _____.
- 2) Paul writes to _____ and give _____ to the leaders of house churches in Colossae.
- 3) Paul was roughly _____ miles from Colossae.

To the saints & faithful

Saints =

Faithful =

Paul's example to encourage and build up the church.

- 1) Express _____
- 2) Pray _____.

(4-8) Faith, Love & Hope abound.

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3 questions for corporate assessment and self-reflection.

- 1) Is our _____ abounding?
- 2) Is our _____ deeply rooted?
- 3) Is our _____ for _____ growing?

Next Week: Christ be Magnified "In Prayer" (Col. 1:9-14)

Further

Study

Ephesians
Acts 21-28

Backdrop for Colossians:

Acts 21:27-36

*Paul falsely
accused &
arrested*

Acts 23:23-35

*Paul is under
house arrest in
Caesarea.*

Acts 24-26

*Paul's legal
proceedings.*

Acts 25:11

*Paul
transferred to
house arrest in
Rome.*

Acts 28:30-31

*Paul writes
Colossians
while under
house arrest in
Rome.*

Gal. 5:22-26

1 Cor. 13:4-7, 13

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<p style="text-align: center;">CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In Gratitude</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Col. 1:1-8</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Colossians 1:1-8</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Though he was imprisoned over 1,300 miles away, and had never visited Colossae, how does Paul envision himself as united with the congregations there? (vs. 2) Who unites all believers? How does this unity work itself out regardless of our proximity to one another, or the current conditions/circumstances we are living under? 2. What can we learn from Paul's example in attitude and action even while he is imprisoned? 3. As Paul listens to the report about the congregation in Colossae, what are the markers that he writes are encouraging to him? (vss. 4-8). 4. What does Paul say is produced in congregations who have been saved, transformed, and shaped by the gospel? (vss. 4-8; Gal. 5:22-26) 5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13 then discuss how love takes shape and expresses itself both in our own lives, and within our congregation. "How am I growing in love? In joy? In peace, patience, etc...." Take one at a time. "How is CMBC growing in love? In joy? In peace, patience, etc...." Take one at a time. (Do a few or do them all, maybe take 1-2 each day of the week). <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Further Study</u> Ephesians Acts 21-28 Gal. 5:22-26 1 Cor. 13:4-7, 13</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career & Friends</p> <p>Other</p>