



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, April 5, 2026 (Resurrection Sunday)

Colossians 1:1-8 – The True Message of the Gospel

Paul opens this letter as he does all of his letters in the Bible. He identifies himself as a messenger of Christ Jesus, asserts that what he is doing is according to the will of God, refers to Timothy, who was ministering with him, and identifies those he is writing to as holy, faithful, and hopeful people.

Paul was grateful in prayer for the Colossians because he heard of their:

- Faith in Christ Jesus
- Love for God's people
- Hope that was stored up for them

We respond and apply the Word of God we have heard by receiving the gospel.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Discussion Questions:

- How does Paul open his letter to the Colossians? How is it relevant for us?
- What was the nature of the Colossians' faith in Christ Jesus?
- Why were the Colossians commended for their love for God's people?
- What is the hope stored up for us in heaven?
- How can we receive the true message of the gospel? What does it mean to truly understand God's grace?