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## Colossians 1: 1-14

New Living Translation (NLT)

***This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. We are writing to God's holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace.***

***We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.***

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***This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace. You learned about the Good News from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. He has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.***

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***So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.***

***We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.***

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## Colossians 1: 1-2

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Faith in Christ

Colossians 1: 4

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***For we have heard of...  
... your faith in Christ Jesus***

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## Confident Hope

### Colossians 1: 5

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***For we have heard of....***

***... your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News.***

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Love for all God's people

Colossians 1: 4, 7-8

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***For we have heard of...***

***... your love for all of God's people***

***Epaphras...has told us about the love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you.***

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## Fruitfulness

### Colossians 1: 6

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***It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.***

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Deeper wisdom & understanding

Colossians 1: 9

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***We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.***

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Deeper wisdom & understanding producing fruit

Colossians 1: 10

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***Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.***

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Power to endure

Colossians 1: 11

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***We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need.***

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Joy in your inheritance

Colossians 1: 12-14

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***May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.***

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## Pressing on

### Philippians 3: 12-14

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***I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.***

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