

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul had not been there 1:4; Evidently established
by Epaphras Col 1:7; 4:12

Paul evidently learned much about the church
while in prison Phile 23

Written while Paul was in "bonds" (Col 4:3, 18).
Tychicus was the carrier of this letter Col 4:7(also
Eph 6:21)

Between A.D. 61 and 63 Acts 28:30-31

*Col 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ
Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy
our brother,*

Timothy was with Paul during a part
of his imprisonment (included in the
salutation of the letters to Colossae,
Philippi and Philemon).

Col 1:2 To God's holy people [saints – KJV] in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Col 1:3-4 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 God's people--

3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than this,
to hear of my children walking in the
truth.

This faith was not a miraculous gift, but rather a learned reason.

Rom 10:17 So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

Joh 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Col 1:5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel

Our hope of eternal life is based on evidence.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Joh 14:1-5 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. (2) "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. (3) "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. (4) "And you know the way where I am going." (5) Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"

Joh 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Col 1:6 that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world--just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Hag 2:19 'Is the seed still in the barn?

Luk 8:15 "But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

Col 1:7-8 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.

Mat 20:25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and *their* great men exercise authority over them. (26) "It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,

Col 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (17) so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

God's wisdom is not of this world

Jas 3:13-17 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. (14) But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. (16) For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. (17) But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

Col 1:10-12 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, (11) being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, (12) and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Mat 13:8 "And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

*Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from
the dominion of darkness and
brought us into the kingdom of the
Son he loves,*

1Co 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, (10) nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. (11) Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Isa 9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (7) There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

Dan 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

*Col 1:14 in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Act 20:28 "Be on guard for
yourselves and for all the flock,
among which the Holy Spirit has
made you overseers, to shepherd
the church of God which He
purchased with His own blood.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, (14) how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Act 13:38-39 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, (39) and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

Col 2:12-13 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (13) When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,