

Grateful to God for your progress

Colossians 1:1-5

- I. Paul greets the Colossian believers (1:1-2).
 - A. Senders – Paul the apostle, with Timothy (1)
 - Paul is writing from prison (Col. 4:7-10).
 - B. Receivers – The holy and faithful in Colossae (2a)
 - Paul did not plant the church in Colossae (Colossians 2:1).
 - Paul knew about the church through Epaphras (Colossians 1:7-8; 4:12-13).
 - Epaphras may have taken the gospel to Colossae while Paul was teaching in Ephesus (Acts 19:10).
 - C. Greeting – Extending God’s grace & peace (2b)
- II. Paul thanks God for the Colossians’ faith, love and hope (1:3-5).
 - A. Paul is grateful for the Colossians when he prays for them (3).
 - B. Paul is grateful how their spiritual maturity is obvious in their faith and love (4).
 1. *Your faith in Christ Jesus* – Trusting Christ for _____ and _____.
 2. *Your love for all the saints* - If we love God we must love _____ (1 John 4:21)
 - C. Faith and love are the result of our confidence about heaven through the gospel (5).