

# Colossians 1:1-14.

## Faith, Love and Hope.

Last time you talked to someone about being right with God, were they confident that they *would be*? If so, *why* were they confident?

### Read Colossians 1:1-6

1. Who is this letter *to* and *from*? How are they described?
2. How did Paul receive his apostleship?
3. Why does Paul always thank God when he prays for the Colossian church?
4. Where does the Colossians' faith and love come from (5)? Does the same thing happen elsewhere (6)?
5. In these verses, how did the Colossians learn about the Gospel (5-6, 7).
6. If verse 5 describes the Colossians' experience of Gospel transformation, how might that help us to grow up-and-out as disciples?

### Read Colossians 1:9-12

7. What does Paul ask for, for the Colossians (9)?

8. **Why** does Paul ask for these things (10)?

9. If the Colossian people could do this themselves, Paul would just tell them to *do it*. What might it tell us, that this is a *prayer*?

10. If this prayer is answered, what will the Colossians be able to do (10-12)?

### Read Colossians 1:13-14

11. *What* is the state of the Colossians?
12. *Who* brought ↑ this about?
12. *When* did ↑ it happen?
13. *What difference* might this make in our lives (1:5)?
14. What do these verses suggest is *our* part in *our* salvation?

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*Thank God for that!*