

Rooted in Christ
1. Gospel Growth (Colossians 1v1-8)

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Introduction

- Roots

Paul's greeting (v1-2)

- The apostle (v1)

- His recipients (v2)

Paul's thanksgiving (v3-6)

- A real conversion (v3-5a)
 - *Faith*
 - *Love*
 - *Hope*

- The real gospel (v5b-6)
 - *Heard and understood*
 - *The word of truth*
 - *Bearing fruit and growing*

Paul's commendation (v7-8)

- Epaphras – “a faithful minister of Christ”

Conclusion

Colossians 1v1-8 (NIV)

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

² To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ 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 the saints-- ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

⁷ 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.