**Colossians – Chapter 1**

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Theme: Colossians is a book about Connections.

Who wrote it: Paul wrote the letter (message) in prison in Rome.

Why was it written:

1. Show us we have everything we need in Christ – Christ is ALL we need! Not: performance, self-help strategies, etc.
2. Christ gives us patterns & power to grow spiritually.

You change YOU by developing new **patterns** & **practices**!

1. Challenge believers to stay connected to Christ and to each other for strength and help.
2. Help us live a Christ-centered life (not self-centered).

**How to pray for yourself and others**: (vs. 9-14)

1. Grant me complete understanding of what He wants to do in your life. NLT
2. Be filled with the knowledge of His will. CSB
3. Make me wise with spiritual wisdom. NLT
4. Give you wisdom and spiritual understanding. CSB
5. Live in a way that is honoring and pleasing to the Lord.
6. Walk worthy of the Lord fully pleasing to Him. CSB
7. Bear fruit in every good work. (Be productive) NLT
8. Learn to know God better and better. NLT
9. Grow in the knowledge of God. CSB
10. Be strengthened with His glorious power SO THAT you will have all the patience and endurance you need. NLT
11. Be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. NLT

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**Colossians – Day One**

Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. NKJV

Luke 24:45 - And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. NKJV

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