

**Sermon Notes**  
Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Colossians 1.1-2

**Introduction**

Overview of the passage: Paul's greeting and its significance.

Focus on three key questions:

- Who is speaking and why does it matter?
- Who are we as the church?
- What does God give to keep us faithful?

**Who is Speaking?** (Colossians 1.1)

**Paul's Authority:** Apostle of Christ by God's will.

**Timothy's Role:** A brother in Christ, emphasizing family and community.

**Key Point:** The message is from Christ, showing care for His church.

**Who Are We as the Church?** (Colossians 1.2)

Identity:

- **Saints:** Set apart by God, belonging to Him (not spiritual VIPs).
- **Faithful:** Steady and loyal; persevering in faith despite circumstances.
- **In Christ:** Our true foundation and identity is in Him, not external factors.

Reflection: Consider how we see ourselves in relation to Christ and our mission.

**What Does God Give to Keep Us Faithful?** (Colossians 1.2)

- **Grace:** God's undeserved kindness that fuels our faith.
- **Peace:** The wholeness and rest found in God, regardless of life's chaos.

Source of Grace and Peace: Comes from God our Father, not our own efforts.

**The Key Danger**

Warning against distractions that shift focus from Christ.

Importance of recognizing and resisting spiritual drift.

**Questions for the Week**

- **Living from Grace:** Are you relying on grace or guilt in your spiritual walk?
- **Centering on Christ:** What distractions are competing for Christ's place in your life?
- **Seeking True Peace:** Where are you trying to find peace apart from God?

**Conclusion**

- Emphasize our identity as saints and our need for grace and peace.
- Call to action: Hold fast to Christ, let His Word dwell among us, and engage in prayer, repentance, and discipleship.

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