

Sermon Notes

Sunday, 18th 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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