

**Anchored in the Unmatched Supremacy of Christ**  
**Colossians 1:1-2**  
**August 24, 2025**

**BIG IDEA**

In a world full of competing voices and shifting identities, true peace and purpose are found in Christ alone. Paul begins his letter to the Colossians by reminding them—and us—that our identity is rooted in Jesus, not shaped by culture. Our mission is given by God, not earned through effort. And our peace flows from grace, not achievement. Anchoring our lives in Christ's supremacy gives us unshakable hope, purpose, and joy—no matter the storm.

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE**

**Colossians 1:1-2 (ESV)**

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father."

**MAIN THEME**

Paul opens his letter with two profound truths: identity and peace are gifts from God. In a culture swirling with spiritual confusion, Paul centers everything on Jesus. The Colossians didn't need new philosophies or mystical experiences—they needed to remember who they were in Christ. The same is true for us. When we root ourselves in the supremacy of Jesus, we can resist cultural lies, walk in confidence, and experience peace the world cannot give.

**DISCUSSION & APPLICATION**

**1. Rooted in Christ, Not Shaped by Culture**

**Colossians 1:2, 2 Corinthians 4:4**

- What does it mean to be "in Christ"?
- How can cultural pressures distort our sense of identity?
- In what ways have you experienced "spiritual identity theft"?
- How can you daily remind yourself of who you are in Christ?



## 2. Your Mission Is Given by God

**Colossians 1:1, Ephesians 2:10**

- Paul didn't create his calling—God gave it. What does that say about your life purpose?
- How does knowing your mission is from God affect how you live each day?
- Where might God be inviting you to serve or lead right now?

## 3. Peace Comes from Grace, Not Achievement

**Colossians 1:2, John 14:27**

- What kinds of things do people pursue in order to feel at peace?
- Why can't peace be earned or achieved through effort?
- How does receiving grace help you experience true rest?

## 4. Rejecting Cultural Counterfeits

**Colossians 2:8, Galatians 1:6–9**

- What are some modern “add-ons” to the gospel (e.g., legalism, self-help, mysticism)?
- How do these additions subtly distract us from Jesus?
- How can you recognize and resist spiritual syncretism in your own life?

## 5. Anchored in Christ Through Storms

**Matthew 7:24–27, Philippians 4:6–7**

- What storm in your life is tempting you to drift from Christ?
- What practical step can you take this week to anchor yourself more deeply in him?
- Who around you needs to see this kind of anchored faith?

### PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for being the center of everything. Thank you for giving me an identity that the world can't define and a peace it can't steal. Help me live each day anchored in your truth, secure in your grace, and faithful to your mission. Teach me to trust your voice above all others. And when storms come, remind me that I am held fast—not by my strength, but by yours. In your name, amen.

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For further study this week:

- Colossians 1:15-20 — The supremacy of Christ
- Ephesians 2:1-10 — Made alive in Christ
- John 14:25-27 — Peace from Jesus alone
- 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 — The light of Christ in a dark world
- Romans 12:1-2 — Not conformed, but transformed

#### NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

#### Colossians 1:3-8

The Power of the gospel is seen in the lives of Paul's flock and we can celebrate its transformative power. Shining forth the light of Jesus can encourage others to live out the gospel in their lives.

