

## **Worthy of the Gospel**

### **Colossians 1:1–8**

#### Background on the Church in Colossae and Laodicea

- We, like the Colossians, have been called by God and given a new name, family, and inheritance in Him, but often struggle to live worthy of the gospel.
- Out of deep love, Paul warns the Colossians to be on guard for false teaching.
- Paul’s focus in the book of Colossians is the beauty and supremacy of Jesus.

#### Paul’s Greeting

Colossians 1:1–2

- Paul’s radical transformation from a murderer to apostle highlights the vastness of God’s grace, offering hope to anyone who feels unworthy or lost.
- The opening greeting emphasizes true peace and grace come from “God our Father,” not from human rituals or external sources.

Find \_\_\_\_\_ you need in God our Father.

#### A Community in Christ

Colossians 1:3–8

- Paul praises the Colossians for their active faith and love, encouraging believers today to reflect on what they want to be known for—faith, love, and hope in Christ.
- The gospel is bearing fruit in the Colossians’ lives and throughout the world as it transforms hearts and minds.
- Life in Christ was and is now meant to be lived in community.
- Just as the gospel radically changed the Colossians, it continues to transform communities and individuals today.
- Just as the saving grace of God rescued us from sin, His sanctifying grace makes it possible for us to live worthy of the gospel.

Let the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ you from the inside out!

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Philippians 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel...

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Corinthians 15:3b–4

...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...