

COLOSSIANS: LESSON 1

I. SALUTATIONS AND THANKSGIVING (1:1-8)

- A. From Paul with Timothy (v. 1)
 - 1. Paul – an apostle of Christ by the will of God
 - 2. Timothy – brother in Christ
- B. To Saints and Faithful Brethren (v. 2)
 - 1. In Christ
 - 2. At Colossae
 - 3. With grace and peace from God
- C. Paul's Thanksgiving for Brethren (v. 5-8)
 - 1. Continual thanksgiving (v.3)
 - 2. Upon hearing of brethren's faith, love and hope fostered which are fostered by the gospel message (v. 4-8)
 - a. Message bearing fruit and increasing
 - b. Message of grace and truth
 - c. Message learned from Epaphras
 - (1). Beloved fellow-servant
 - (2). Faithful minister of Christ
 - (3). The brethren's love

QUESTIONS:

1. Paul was an "apostle" by whose authority?
2. Who was "the brother" with Paul during his imprisonment in Rome?
3. The faithful brethren in Colossae were _____.
4. Paul always was praying for his brethren with thanksgiving. (T) (F)
5. Christianity can be summed up in the following three areas:
Faith in _____; Love toward _____; and Hope for _____.
6. What will the Gospel do anywhere in the world?
7. Growing spiritually comes through:
 - (a). the truth of God's grace.
 - (b). hearing the truth.
 - (c). knowing the truth.
 - (d). all of the above.
8. From whom had the Colossians learned of God's grace?
9. What does it mean to "love in the Spirit"?