

Communion Sunday

July 3, 2022

Introduction to Colossians

Author: The Apostle Paul; Written from prison in Rome around A. D. 61-62.

Theme: The supremacy of Christ over all things.

Purpose: To ground and settle the Colossians in the knowledge of Christ against error.

Colossians 1: 1-8

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;

⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

⁶which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since **the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth**;

⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,

⁸and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

God's grace in Christ must be heard in truth and understood through the gospel.

John 3: 6-8

John 10: 24-30

1Corinthians 2:10-14

Faith

John 1:12-13

John 6:60-65

Ephesians 2: 8-10

Hope

Titus 3:4-8

Hebrews 6:13-20

Love in the Spirit

1 John 3:16-24

John 13:1-17

¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. ²During supper, the devil already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, ⁴got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. ⁵Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded...

...^{8b}Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." ⁹Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean, but not all of you." ¹¹For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.