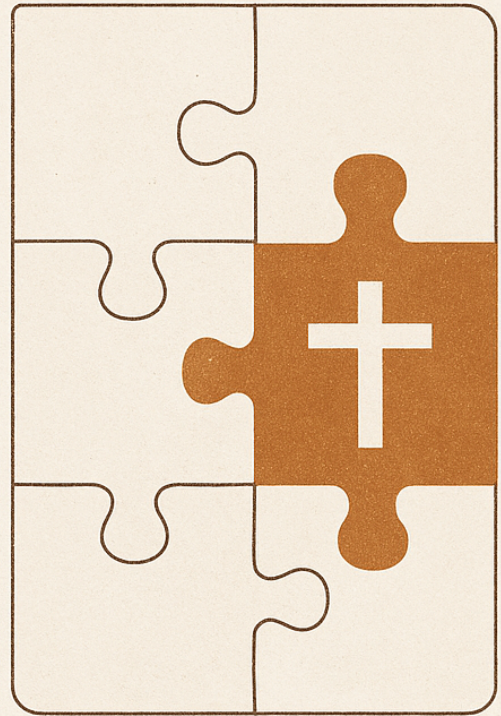


COMPLETE IN CHRIST

A STUDY THROUGH COLOSSIANS



01: Christ: Our Foundation

Colossians 1:1-14

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What is the last project you completed? How did it feel to complete the project?

Greeting and Our Identity

Colossians 1:1–2 (NIV)

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.”

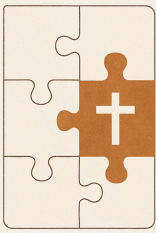
Thanksgiving and the Gospel’s Power

Colossians 1:3–5 (NIV)

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people—⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel”

Paul highlights three key virtues: faith, love, and hope.

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Paul's Prayer for Maturity

Paul turns to prayer:

Colossians 1:9-14 (NIV)

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

Paul's prayer is for three things:

- a. To Be Filled with Knowledge (v. 9)
- b. To Live A Life Worthy of the Lord (v. 10–11)
- c. To Remember Their Rescue (vv. 12–14)

Narrative and Theological Threads

Paul grounds them in who they are before telling them what to do.

- **Saints**
- **Rescued**
- **Redeemed**
- **Already complete in Christ**

Crossing The Context

What does it mean for us to say Christ is our foundation?

Completeness isn't what we achieve, but what Christ has accomplished.

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