

## *Study Notes For Colossians* (Chapter One)

At Colosse (**1:2**)... Not much is known about Colosse. It was a town near enough to Laodicea to share epistles (**Colossians 4:16**). That would tie in some of what we can know from **Revelation 2:1-3:22**. It would be very possible this congregation would have started in the time period of **Acts 19:1-22**.

There is some connection, seemingly even the same congregation, with Philemon and Colosse. For they are connected through Archippus and Onesimus (**Philemon 1:2; 10** and **Colossians 4:9; 17**).

I have wondered if **II Timothy 1:15** could have been concerning these brethren.

Colossians 1:1 –

- Paul was an Apostle by the will of God, literally speaking, not appointed by men (**Acts 9:1-20, I Corinthians 1:1, II Corinthians 1:1, Galatians 1:11-16, Ephesians 1:1, and II Timothy 1:1**).
- Timotheus joined with Paul in the penning of this letter like he was with several other epistles (**Philippians 1:1, I Thessalonians 1:1, and II Thessalonians 1:1**).
- Paul and Timotheus had an unmistakably close relationship and worked together for the cause of Christ whether together in the flesh or not (**Acts 16:1-5, Acts 17:15, Acts 20:4, Romans 16:21, I Corinthians 4:17, I Corinthians 16:8-11, II Corinthians 1:19, Philippians 2:19-24, I Thessalonians 3:1-6, I Timothy 1:2; 18, and II Timothy 1:2**).
- Consider the difference between a “true-yokefellow” (**Philippians 4:3**) and those “brethren” who would leave you alone (**II Timothy 4:9-16**).

Colossians 1:2 –

- Saints (**Psalms 16:3, Psalms 37:28, Psalms 97:10, Psalms 116:15, Psalms 149:1, I Corinthians 1:2, Ephesians 2:19-21, Colossians 1:9-14, and Hebrews 6:10**).
- Faithful brethren (**Matthew 12:46-50, Matthew 24:45-46, Luke 12:42-43, Luke 16:1-13, I Corinthians 4:17, Titus 2:2-14, and Revelation 2:10**).
- In Christ (**Romans 6:3-6, II Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 3:26-29, Ephesians 2:1-10, Philippians 4:21, I Thessalonians 4:16, II Timothy 3:12, and I Peter 3:16**).
- Grace (**Romans 3:24, Romans 5:15, I Corinthians 1:3-4, Ephesians 2:4-7, II Thessalonians 2:16, Hebrews 2:8-9, and I Peter 5:10**) and peace (**Acts 10:36, Romans 5:1, Philippians 4:7, and Titus 1:4**) from the Father and Son (**John 5:19**).

Colossians 1:3 –

- It is interesting to note the phrase “God and the Father” (**Ephesians 5:20**, **Colossians 3:17**, and **James 1:27**).
- There is also the phrase “God and Father” (**II Corinthians 11:31**, **Ephesians 1:3**, **Ephesians 4:6**, and **I Peter 1:3**).
  - It is good for us to take a pause and think about the relationship between ourselves and God the [our] Father and what that means for us (i.e. **Psalms 103:13**, **Luke 11:1-13** [*The context here (Luke 11:1-13) bears many qualifiers. The fact that the kingdom has come (Colossians 1:12-13) should show us all the context had a temporary nature. For one, the disciples were the ones addressed and they were given things that have no application today (i.e. John 16:13-17), authority no one else had/has (Acts 2:42 and Ephesians 2:20). There are other qualifiers regarding asking/receiving (James 4:3 and I John 5:14-15), the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:12-24; 19:1-7), etc. to consider as well. The point is, like most other Scriptures, there is a context that does not directly apply today so we have to be careful how we handle this context (II Timothy 2:14-18 and II Peter 3:15-18. I am only using the general principle of God as a Father who does not provide harmful things to His children]*), and **Hebrews 12:5-11**).
- Thanks to God the Father (**Psalms 69:30**, **Psalms 95:2**, **Acts 5:40-41**, **Ephesians 5:20**, **Philippians 4:6**, **Colossians 1:12**, **Colossians 2:7**, **Colossians 3:17**, **I Thessalonians 5:18**, **I Timothy 4:1-5**, and **Hebrews 13:15**).
- Praying for brethren always (**I Corinthians 1:4**, **I Thessalonians 1:2-3**, **I Thessalonians 3:9**, and **II Thessalonians 1:3**).

Colossians 1:4 –

- Their motivation in giving thanks for these brethren was what they had heard about their faith in Christ (**Ephesians 1:15-16** and **III John 1:3-4**).
- Additionally they gave thanks for these brethren because they had heard about their love toward other saints (**Philemon 1:4-5**).

Colossians 1:5 –

- The hope laid up in Heaven (**Romans 8:24-25**, **I Thessalonians 4:13-5:8**, **Titus 3:7**, and **I Peter 1:3-9**).
- The hope revealed through the Gospel (**Romans 15:4**, **Colossians 1:23**, and **Titus 1:2-3**).
- Hope is more than just in Christ, but of an eternal future (**I Corinthians 15:19-23**).
- The word, the truth, the Gospel are all one in the same (**Ephesians 1:13**).
  - The word is truth (**John 17:17**, **I Thessalonians 2:13**, and **II Timothy 2:15**).
  - The Gospel is truth (**Galatians 2:5** and **Galatians 2:14**).

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