It Starts and Ends With Thanksgiving ~

Colossians 1:3,12; 2:6,7; 3:15-17; 4:2

Today we start a series of sermons to help us prepare for Christmas from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

1. First, Let's Understand the Background to This Letter.

- Paul did not start the church.
- This issue of Gnosticism.
- Jesus is _____.
- His Love is _____.

2. Next, Let's Understand How Our Christian Lives Always Thrive on Thanksgiving.

- Paul declares thankfulness in the opening and last chapters and mentions thanksgiving several times in between.
- Originally _____ and _____ were the same word.
- It's easy to miss God's blessings when we are surrounded by so many of them every day.

3. Finally, to Understand Paul's Theology We Need to Begin With his Attitude.

- His _____ were _____ before they were dogmas.

Further reading assignment this week: Psalm 95:1 – 96:13

Next week's sermon: Christ: The Invisible Image of God Colossians 1:15