

FEB 2, 2020

THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL
Colossians 1:1-8

The City of Colossae:

- Located 100 miles inland from Ephesus
- On a major trade route
- Cosmopolitan & multicultural
- Constant influx of new ideas

The Church at Colossae:

- Never visited by Paul
- Founded by two laypersons: Epaphras & Philemon
- Threatened by two streams of heresy:

1. From _____ (Eastern philosophy)

Gnosticism: "Spirituality is achieved through _____."

2. From _____ (Religious tradition)

Legalism: "Spirituality is achieved through _____ and _____."

Syncretism: The blending of religious, cultural and philosophical thought.

For in Him (Jesus) all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete Col 2:9-10 (NASB)

***The Gospel doesn't just do something _____ you;
it does something _____ you.***

The Fruit of The Gospel:

The gospel produces _____ for _____

_____.
Col 1:1-3; 1Thess 1:2-3

The gospel produces _____, _____ &

_____. Col 1:4-6; Gal 5:22-23

The gospel produces _____ who are

_____. Col 1:6-8; Matt 11:29; 28:19-20

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week can really help clarify the things that God is teaching you and let others learn from your experiences. Get with someone this week and talk about your answers to the following questions:

What thought from the message was most helpful to you?

What does Colossae have in common with our community?
How could those commonalities affect how you apply this letter?

In what ways do you think we are being affected by contemporary versions of gnosticism and religious tradition?

Read Colossians 1:1-3. What can we learn from Paul's greeting to the Colossian church?

What is the gospel currently producing in you? What "fruit" would you like your group to pray for God to develop in you this year?

What are you hoping God does in you through the study of Colossians?

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