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# Take Time to Give Thanks



## Part 1 of - The Pre-Eminence of Christ

*Colossians 1:1-8 "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>2</sup>to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; <sup>5</sup>because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; <sup>7</sup>as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>who also declared to us your love in the Spirit."*

*(Colossians 4:16)*

1. **A Closer Look at** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Colossians 1:1-2, Acts 9:15)*
2. **Paul Was Thankful for** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Colossians 1:3-5a)*  
He gives thanks because of their \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Paul Was Thankful for** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Col. 1:5b-6)*  
**Four key elements:**
  - a. The Gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The Gospel produces \_\_\_\_\_ *vs 6, Romans 1:16)*
  - d. The Gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_
4. **Paul Was Thankful for** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Col. 1:7-8)*

### Action Steps:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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