

A New Testament Study of Colossians

Lesson 1: Colossians 1:1-13a A Complete Prayer Life

Setting: *In this epistle, written from prison, Paul writes to a church that he most likely had never been to. He had received a good report of the saints from Epaphras (1:8), but the report apparently also contained some cause for concern. Paul would address those concerns later in this epistle, but he opens his letter with an eloquent expression of his prayers for the Colossian saints.*

I. Paul's _____ (1:1-2, 7-8)

- A. Who wrote Colossians? _____
- B. Who was it to? _____
- C. Where was Paul when he wrote it? _____
- D. Theme: Christ is the _____ of the Church
- E. Emphasis: the _____ of Christ
- F. Key verses: _____

Notes:

II. Looking _____ – Paul's Prayer of _____ (1:3-6)

- A. For their _____ (vv. 4a,6)
- B. For their _____ for the saints (vv. 4b,8)
- C. For their future _____ (vv. 5-6)

Notes:

III. Looking _____ – Paul's Prayer for _____ (1:9-13a)

- A. God's _____ (v. 9)
- B. A worthy, pleasing _____ (v. 10)
 - 1. _____ good works
 - 2. Increased _____ of God
- C. _____ (v.11)
- D. _____ (vv. 12-13a)

Notes:

Lesson Application: How can I pray for my fellow believers, and the lost world around me, in this time of crisis?