

Colossians 1:1-2

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I. Introduction.

- A. If there was a problem in the church, Paul exalts Jesus Christ rather than focusing on the problem. You do not overcome darkness by battling at the darkness. You overcome darkness by turning on the light - Jesus Christ.
- B. The theme of Colossians is the supremacy of Jesus Christ in doctrine and practice.

II. Paul was originally called Saul.

- A. Paul was from the same tribe as King Saul - his name Paul may have been a later name after his conversion or another name given to him at birth.
- B. Paul means “little one” and his leadership was marked by always lifting other people up. (1 Samuel 18:6-9, Numbers 11:27-29)
- C. Make certain you are right where God wants you to be doing it the way God wants it to be done. Paul knew that he was in God’s will.

III. Christians are “saints” set apart for the will of God.

- A. We are looking for faithful men who are able to pass on what they teach. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- B. Men must be in the little things, in what is another man’s. (Luke 16:10, 16:12)

IV. It is only when we are related rightly to Jesus Christ that we receive his grace and peace.

- A. Grace is the source and peace is the result.
- B. Be sure of your own personal standing with God.
- C. Jesus Christ died in our place - we are sinners in need of forgiveness that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Application questions

1. Explain how Paul modeled leadership. Why is it so important to become “little?”

2. What is a “faithful man?”

3. Have you accepted the gospel of Jesus Christ? Have you received God’s forgiveness? If not, what is keeping you from doing this right now?
