

(1:1-2) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

(1:3-4) We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;

(1:5-8) because of the hope reserved for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth; just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

(1:3) We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

- **Faith in** _____.
“since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus”
- **Love for** _____.
“and the love which you have for all the saints;”
- **Hope in** _____.
“because of the hope reserved for you in heaven,”

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1. **Lord, fill us with the** _____ **of** _____.

(1:9) For this reason we also, since the day we heard about it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

- ✓ **The Counsel of God's** _____.
- ✓ **The Comfort of God's** _____.
- ✓ **The Confirmation of God's** _____.

2. **Lord, help us to** _____ **and to bear** _____.

(1:10-12) So that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

(1:13-14) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

“He is the image of the invisible God.”

1. **Christ is the perfect** _____ **of God.**

“The firstborn of all creation.”

2. **Christ is the supreme** _____ **over all creation.**

“for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.”

3. **Christ is the** _____ **of all things.**

“He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

4. **Christ is** _____ **of all things.**

“He is also the head of the body, the church.”

5. **Christ is the living** _____ **of the church.**

“He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.”

6. **Christ is the** _____ **in resurrection glory.**

“So that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.”

7. **Christ is** _____ **in all things.**

(1:19-20) For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.