



Colossians – Part 1
Foundations of a Healthy Church

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1. Built on the _____ of Christ.

Colossians 1:1-5 (NLT), “This letter is from Paul, **chosen by the will of God** to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy.”
²We are writing to **God’s holy people** in the city of Colossae, who are **faithful brothers and sisters** in Christ. May God our Father give you **grace and peace.** ³We always pray for you, and **we give thanks** to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we have heard of your **faith** in Christ Jesus and your **love** for all of God’s people, ⁵which come from your **confident hope** of what God has **reserved for you in heaven.** You have had this expectation ever since you first heard **the truth of the Good News.**”

Ephesians 1:13, “You also were included in Christ when you heard **the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.**”

2. Local _____ and _____ impact.

Colossians 1:6 (NLT), “⁶This same **Good News** that came to you is going out **all over the world.** It is **bearing fruit** everywhere by **changing lives**, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and **understood the truth** about God’s wonderful grace.

John 3:16 (NIV), “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Colossians 1:7-8 (NLT), “⁷You learned about the **Good News** from Epaphras, our beloved co-worker. He is Christ’s faithful servant, and he is helping us on your behalf. ⁸He has told us about the **love for others** that the Holy Spirit has given you.”

Hebrews 6:10 (NLT), “For God is not unjust. **He will not forget** how hard you have worked for him and how you have **shown your love to him** by **caring for other believers**, as you still do.”

3. Continual _____ in Christ.

Colossians 1:9 (NLT), “⁹So we have **not stopped praying for you** since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you **complete knowledge of his will** and to give you **spiritual wisdom and understanding.**”

Hebrews 2:1 (NLT), “So, we must listen very carefully to the **truth we have heard**, or we may drift away from it.”

Colossians 1:10 (NLT), “¹⁰Then **the way you live** will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will **produce every kind of good fruit.** All the while, you will **grow** as you **learn to know God** better and better.”

4. Living _____ lives.

Colossians 1:11-12 (NLT), “¹¹We also pray that you will be **strengthened** with all his **glorious power** so you will have all the **endurance** and **patience** you need. May you be filled with joy, ¹²**always thanking the Father.** He has enabled you to share in the **inheritance** that belongs to his people, who **live in the light.** ¹³For he has **rescued** us from the kingdom of darkness and **transferred** us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴who **purchased** our freedom and **forgave** our sins.”

Romans 12:2 (NIV), “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
