



GOT TRUTH?

The Gospel Truth

Colossians 1:1-14

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Paul's Greeting (verses 1,2)

1. How does Paul introduce himself to the Colossian Church? Why does he describe himself this way?
2. Imagine receiving a letter with a greeting like Paul's—especially from someone you have never personally met. What would your response be? Why?

What Paul Heard (verses 3-8)

3. How does Paul describe the Colossian Church?
4. How do you think someone might describe Creekside?
5. How did the Colossian Church learn to live that way? How did Creekside?
6. How does Paul describe his mentoring relationship with Epaphras and Epaphras' mentoring relationship with the Colossian Church?
7. Have you ever been involved in that kind of relationship? What was / is that like for you? If not, could you see yourself involved in a relationship like that? What could that be like for you?

What Paul Prayed (verses 9-14)

8. As you read through verses 9 to 14, make note of what Paul specifically prays for. How would you explain what each of these are and their importance to the Colossian Church.
9. Is there anything that Paul is praying for that you would like others to pray for you? That you could be praying for others?
10. Thinking about our Life Group (and other opportunities for group prayer) is there anything in what Paul prays that could be incorporated into our prayer together.
11. In verses 12 to 14, how does Paul describe: 1) What God has done for the believer; and 2) The believer's position in this world?
12. Could personally knowing the reality of what Paul describes change how someone lives life? How?
13. Consider James Sire's definition of a worldview: *"...a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart, that can be expressed... in a set of presuppositions (assumptions which may be true, partially true or entirely false) that we hold (consciously or subconsciously, consistently or inconsistently) about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being."* *
14. How would you describe your worldview? How have you come to that perspective of life? Put slightly different: How does your relationship with God effect your worldview?
15. The truth of the Gospel is a unique basis for a worldview. In the sea of worldviews and "truths" that you are continually exposed to how might what we've looked at in this study encourage you to live differently this week?

* cited from James Sire: *The Universe Next Door*, InterVarsity Press, 5th Edition