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Introduction :

Geography: Tri-Cities: Colossae (tiny town), Laodicea and Hieropolis.

Why Letter Written: Good report on Colossae church—but some heresy concerns too.

What was the false teaching? 2:4, 2:8, 2:16, 2:18, 2:20. Judaizer faith, Asceticism, Gnosticism

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What are today's false teachings?

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Have you any spiritual sons/daughters? Should you?

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1:3-4; Paul thanks God for their faith, love, hope, fruit bearing. Ps. 115:1. James 1:17.

1:4-5; Hope is foundational. Faith and love come from hope.

What's the gospel? Do you believe this good news?

How did Colossians come to faith: Rom. 10:17. **Are you an Epaphrus Evangelist?**

Why a concrete hope: Rom. 8:32, Luke 12:32

1:6-8; Gospel still increasing, bearing fruit 2k years later.

1:9-14; Paul shifts to prayer. **Do you ever spontaneously praise/pray with others?**

1:9; “For this reason”—the good report. Prays for them whenever he prays.

1:9-10; “Filled with the knowledge of God's will for them—with understanding and wisdom”.

“Knowledge of God” and “Walk in a manner worthy...pleasing God...bearing fruit”.

“Will of God”; Sovereign = will occur. Violable will: can be disobeyed.

John 5:30; Jesus did will of Father. Matt. 7:21; Truly saved do Father's will. Rom. 12:2.

1:10; “Please God in all respects”. **For 1 day, try to please God in all respects.**

1:11; God's power results in: endurance, patience, JOY. 1 Peter 1:8.

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