

Sermon Notes

Identity and Marks of a Christian

Colossians 1:1-8

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

Intro to the book of Colossians

1:1-2 About the authors and the recipients

Paul was an authorized messenger of God, so learn from Him.

Christians = holy ones - set apart to be different in ways God is

Colossians were faithful - generally do what God wants

Christians are all brothers

Important parts of our identity as Christians:

- We are in Christ, through faith/trust in Christ
- All of us in Christ are brothers
- In Christ we are holy ones

Beyond conversion, more grace and peace is available from God.

1:3-8 Faith, prayer, love, and hope of brothers in Christ

The Father of Jesus Christ is our Father.

Paul and Timothy displayed connection with their brothers by praying always for them.

The Colossian Christians displayed their connection with other Christians by loving them.

Christian hope is the excited confidence that heaven is our certain destination.

Some important marks of Christians:

- Faith/trust in Christ is what makes a Christian
- Love for our brothers in Christ
- Christian Hope

A faithful servant of Christ, named Epaphras, connected Paul and Timothy to the Colossians.

doulos - the servant only does what the Lord wants

diakonos - the person willingly does acts of service for people

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

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