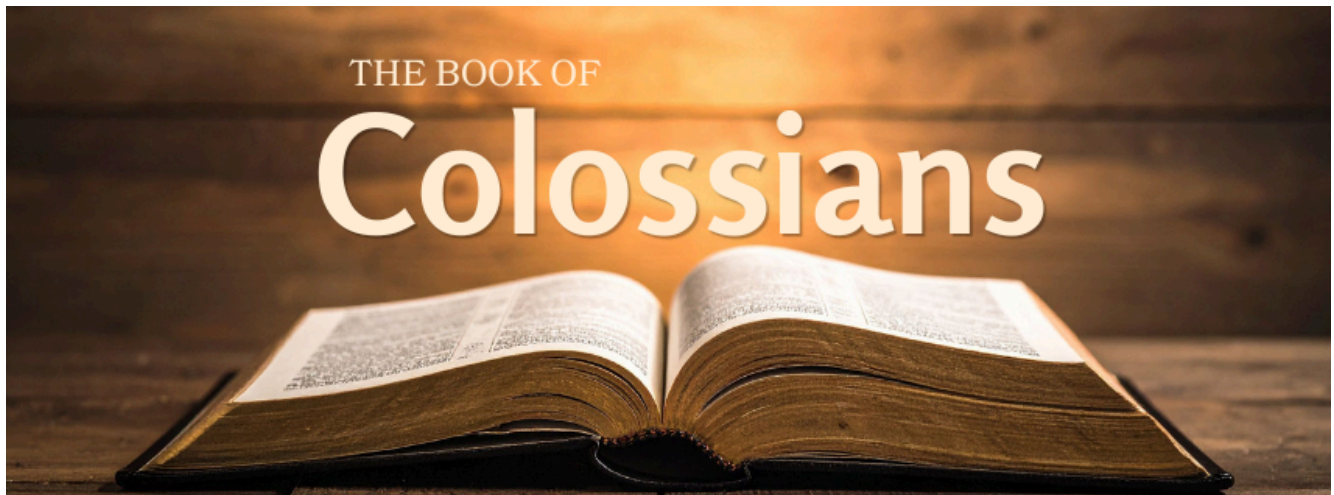


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Colossians 1:1-8

Big Idea: Thank God for the good news that changes us

5 Reasons to be thankful and celebrate

Thank God and celebrate...

1. When Christ's servants are _____ to their _____. (1-2)
2. When Christ's people _____ for other _____. (3)
3. When the Gospel of Jesus is _____ in _____. (4-5)
4. When disciples of Jesus are _____ and _____. (6-7)
5. When Christ's love is _____. (8)

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Sermon Talks

1. Read Colossians 1:1-8 as you prepare to work through the sermon talks.
2. What is the best piece of good news you have received recently, and how did you react to it?
3. What do you find yourself thanking God most for? What are things that you should thank Him more for?
4. Paul addresses the Colossians as “holy and faithful brothers and sisters.” How does viewing yourself this way change your daily mindset?
5. What are ways that Washington Alliance can support other churches in our city? What are ways you personally can support them?
6. Paul links faith, love, and hope together (also see 1 Cor 13:13). What is Biblical hope? How does “hope stored up in heaven” fuel our faith and love here on earth?
7. Where do you see the Gospel bearing fruit in your own life? In Washington Alliance Church? In our community? In the world?
8. Are you currently discipling anyone? If so, what are some things that you can celebrate about that?
9. Do you feel you need to be discipled? If so, contact the church and see how this can get started for you.
10. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer. Begin by praising God for who He is and what He has done in your life. Praise Him for your salvation.