

COLOSSIANS

TREASURING CHRIST - LIVING FOR CHRIST

Colossians 1:1-14 - The gospel of Christ transforms

As Paul begins his letter to the Colossians he gives thanks for, and encourages them, in the transforming power of the gospel as he shares his prayers for them.

Chapter 2 verses 4, 8, and 16 give us a glimpse into the situation Paul is writing into.

1) Transformed status (v1-2)

- How does Paul reassure the Colossians of their status in Christ in his introduction in v1-2?

2) Transformed lives (v3-8)

- How do the transformed lives of the Colossians show them to be Christians?
- In light of Paul's description of their faith here, how would you respond to someone who said that belief in God is all that is needed to be a Christian?
- What do these verses tell us is the key to the gospel bearing fruit and growing?

3) Transformed capacity (v9-11)

- Why do you think Paul places such an emphasis on the 'knowledge of his will' in v9 as being necessary to live lives worthy of the Lord?
- How does Paul's prayer for God's power to give 'great endurance and patience' encourage us in our Christian lives?
- How does Paul's prayer here encourage you / challenge you in your prayer life?

4) Transformed outlook (v12-14)

- Why does Paul say that joyful thanks is the only appropriate outlook/response to what we have in the gospel of Christ? How can we grow in that?