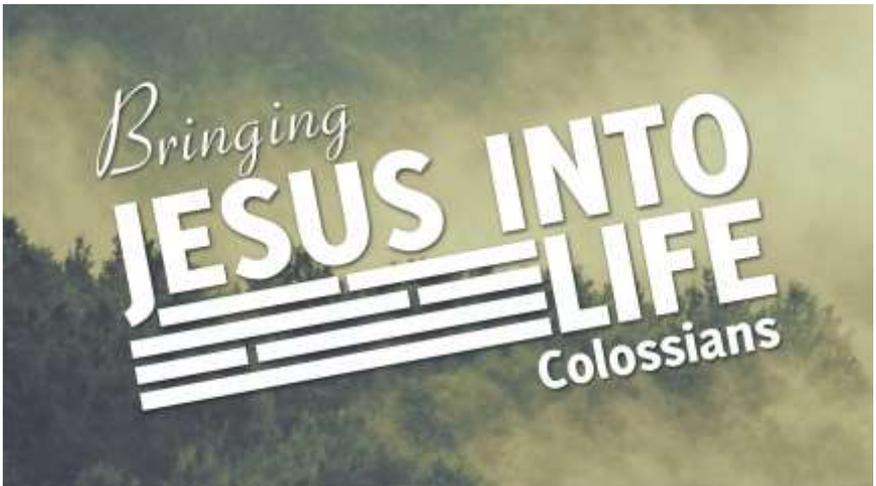


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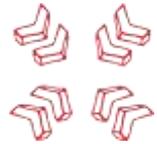


Colossians 1:1-14
For Individuals and Life Groups
January 15, 2017

Introduction:

At the writing of this letter the church in Colossae is still very young and is being threatened by a twisted form of false teaching. Ideas were being introduced into the church, influencing the believers with the idea that Jesus wasn't enough. If the Christians wanted to truly be "spiritual" they needed to behave certain ways and celebrate certain festivals that had nothing to do with following Jesus. Paul wrote to these believers to encourage them in their faith and to stay true to Jesus without adding practices and ideas to distract from what Christ did for them.

Into the scriptures



Read: Colossians 1:1-14

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

What words does Paul use to describe the action of the gospel in verses 5 and 6?

In Paul's prayer (1;9-12), what specific things does he pray for in their lives? How do you see him addressing the false teaching in the church?

How are qualities in verses 10-12 related to each other?

In verses 12-14, what has Jesus accomplished for us?



Into my life



What do you think happens when the church or believers distorts or is embarrassed by the message of Jesus? What distortions or contradicting ideas do you see influencing us today? How have you fought against them?

Getting specific, in what ways do you see the qualities in verses 10-12 developing in your life?

Rewrite verses 12-14 doing the following exercise, when you see “you” or “us” write your name, when you see “we” write “I”. How would meditating on this daily this week bring encouragement to you?

How will I be different this week because of what I’ve just read?



Into the world



Take time to pray for each other and your church using verses 9-14 as a guide.



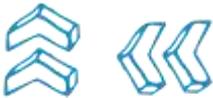
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Challenge for the week:



More Resources for personal and group use:



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By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

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GROUPS

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