

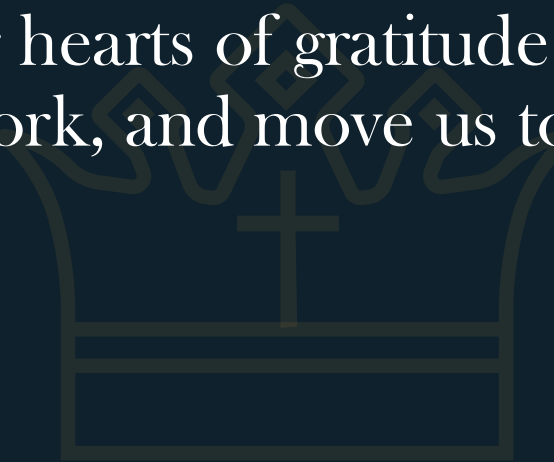


COLOSSIANS

The Sufficiency of Christ

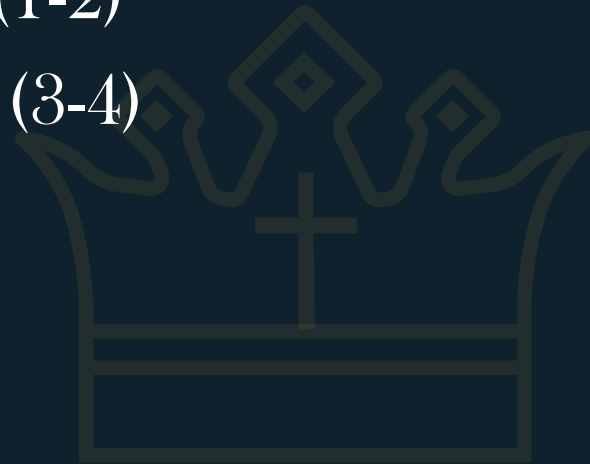
LESSON THEME

When believers witness the transforming fruit of the gospel in the lives of fellow saints, it ought to stir hearts of gratitude to Christ, deepen confidence in His saving work, and move us to encourage one another in the faith.



BOOK OUTLINE

- I. Sufficiency of Christ (1-2)
- II. Submission to Christ (3-4)



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I. A Greeting to Believers (1-2)

A. Author (1a)

B. Authority (1b)

- Two authenticated truths that affirm his authority:
 1. “an apostle of Jesus Christ”
 2. “by the will of God”

C. Audience (2)

Asia Minor (southwest Turkey) in the time of Paul



Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Pisidian
Antioch

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Meander R.

Laodicea

Royal Road

Colossae

Miletus

Cibra-Gólhisar

Termessos

Attalia

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I. A Greeting to Believers (1-2)

II. A Guide for Gratitude for Believers (3-5a)

A. To Whom Gratitude is Due - “*God the Father*” (3a)

B. How Gratitude is Expressed - “*in prayer*” (3b)

C. What to be Grateful for (4-5)

- Faith in Jesus (4a)
- Love for the Saints (4b)
- Hope in Things to Come (5a)

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- I. A Greeting to Believers (1-2)
- II. A Guide for Gratitude for Believers (3-5a)
- III. A Groundwork of the Gospel in Believers (5b-8)
 - A. The Truth of the Gospel (5b)
 - B. The Fruit of the Gospel (6)
 - C. The Teaching of the Gospel (7)
 - D. The Spirit of the Gospel (8)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS...

1. What are some ways that you can encourage other believers in the church to strive for holiness?
2. What are some practical ways that have helped you to remain rooted in “the word of truth, the gospel”? What are the temptations that you face when you are not grounded in the gospel work in your life?
3. Take a moment to pray for each other in the small group and reflect on the fruit you’ve witnessed in others and give thanks to the Lord.