

**“When Jesus is First”  
Colossians 1:1-8**

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**Follow-Through Questions**

You magnify \_\_\_\_\_ grace and peace (1-2).

Saints = holy in \_\_\_\_\_, Xn unto \_\_\_\_\_.

Faithful = holy in \_\_\_\_\_. Xn unt \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ abound (3-5a).

Faith in \_\_\_\_\_.

Love for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Hope in \_\_\_\_\_.

Gospel truth \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ out (5b-6).

\_\_\_\_\_ is taught and the \_\_\_\_\_ abounds (7-8).

1. Paul boldly proclaims his identity in Christ in the very first verse of chapter 1. Why is it important when ENCOURAGING other believers (individuals and groups) to be both vocally and spiritually identified in Christ? What does it mean to be "made" or "identified" in Christ?

2. What are the (3) specific characteristics Paul uses to describe the church at Colossae in verse 3-5? How do you see these characteristics manifest in your life or the life at Harvest?

3. What result, in verse 6, seems to naturally flow out of a church with the (3) characteristics discussed above? How or where does this encourage you (or your small group) to engage our culture with the gospel?

4. The church at Colossae was disciplined by Epaphras resulting in “love in the Spirit”. What is “faithful teaching”? Considering what influences you (people, TV, music, radio, etc.), do you find them to be encouraging your faith or discouraging?

*John Selden (1584–1654) was a leading historian and legal authority in England. He had a library of 8,000 volumes and was recognized for his learning. When he was dying, he said to Archbishop Ussher: “I have surveyed most of the learning that is among the sons of men, and my study is filled with books and manuscripts on various subjects. But at present, I cannot recollect any passage out of all my books and papers whereon I can rest my soul, save this from the sacred Scriptures: ‘The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men’ (Titus 2:11).”*