



We Give Thanks for You (Colossians 1:1-8) - Walking Together
Tim Howey – April 7, 2024

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Thanking God

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” – William Arthur Ward

Am I remembering to thank God?

(Luke 17:11-19)

Am I thanking God when I ask?

(Philippians 4:6)

Am I thanking God for His work in people and telling them?

(Colossians 1:1-8)

Experiencing Jesus' way of living – community & connection with the church

That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him...**Colossians 1:10 NKJV**

62 AD – Acts 28 – Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon

Holy Spirit

- **Paul & Timothy**
- **Tychicus & Onesimus**
- **Church at Colosse**
- **Us**

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **Colossians 1:1 NKJV**

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Colossians 1:2 NKJV**

Pause & Thank God

- **Will of God**
- **Saints & faithful**
- **Grace & peace**

We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **Colossians 1:3 NKJV**

since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; **Colossians 1:4 NKJV**

because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, **Colossians 1:5 NKJV**

Pause & Thank God

- **Faith in Christ**
- **Love for all saints**
- **Hope in heaven**

which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; **Colossians 1:6 NKJV**

as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, **Colossians 1:7 NKJV**

who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. **Colossians 1:8 NKJV**

Pause & Thank God

- **The Gospel**
- **Faithful ministers**
- **Holy Spirit**

Am I thanking God for His work in people and telling them?

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.” – William Arthur Ward

This week's [OWNit365 Whole Bible Plan:](#)

April 8 – Josh 3-4 & Psalm 131-135

April 9 – Josh 5-6 & Psalm 136-138

April 10 – Josh 7-9 & Psalm 139-140

April 11 – Josh 10-11 & Psalm 141-144

April 12 – Josh 12-14 & Psalm 145-146

April 13 – Josh 15-66 & Psalm 147-148

April 14 - Reflection & Prayer

April 7

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In this series, we will be learning that Jesus is with us when we're scared. We'll be learning the Bible story about how Jesus' disciples were scared during a storm and how Jesus was with them and calmed the storm.

Memory Verse: Jesus is with us. Matthew 28:20b (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus Is With Us When We're Scared of the Dark



In this series we will learn about how Paul traveled to different places, encountered different people, went through hard times in order to obey Jesus! We are told to go tell everyone about Jesus! Paul listened and would go through lots of different trips where he would tell everyone about Jesus!

Memory Verse: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 (NLT)

Heart of the Lesson: Road to Emmaus and Ascension | Luke 24

Parent Connect: Today we learned how Jesus appeared to some of His disciples before going back up to Heaven. Some of these disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus. Take a walk with your kid and talk about how exciting it will be when we meet Jesus!



Memory Verse: "In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1

Heart of the Lesson: Creation is evidence there was a Creator. John 1:1-5, Genesis 1 & 2:1-4

Parent Connect: Grab a couple Bibles and write down Genesis 1 and John 1 and see how fast you can look it up. Once you find it, read the passage together and talk about what it says.



The people in Colossians didn't know Paul, but they respected his leadership. They were being told by the local Jewish leaders that they needed to follow the Jewish laws on top of following the teachings of Jesus. Paul takes time in this book to establish his love for Christ followers and tells them what is truly needed to be a Christ follower (spoiler alert: it's just faith). We will be talking about who Jesus is, and what it means to follow Him as ONE TEAM!

Memory Verse: "And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." Colossians 3:15

Heart of the Lesson: We give thanks for everyone on God's team - Colossians 1:1-8

Parent Connect: Ask your student to show you on a map where the city of Colossae was located (modern day Turkey). Point out that Paul was in Rome in prison at the time he wrote the letter and talk about what a big deal it was for the letter to be taken that far.



Life is a journey, and we aren't meant to "walk" alone when we follow Jesus! This series, we are taking time to look at the book of Colossians to see how God wants us to walk together with Him and other Followers of Jesus. When we walk together as we follow Jesus, God grows and changes us, and He helps us share His love with others!

Memory Verse: Then you will be able to lead a life that is worthy of the Lord. We pray that you will please him in every way. So we want you to bear fruit in every good thing you do. We pray that you will grow to know God better. (Colossians 1:10, NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: "We Give Thanks for You" Colossians 1:1-8

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Parents/Caregivers:

- Is it easy or hard for you to be thankful for others?
- Who is someone that you're thankful for this week?
- Why are you thankful for them?
- How can you encourage them this week?