

# Colossians

Chapter 1:15-23

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# **Back Drop**

**Paul in in Prison**

**Epaphras visits from Colossae**

**Talks about Faith, Love and Hope**

**Shares about the false teaching - A mix of views**

**1. Added to Salvation**

**2. Taken away from Christ**

# **Last Week**

**How the Paul recognised the Colossians**

**Faith in Christ**

**Love for the Saints**

**Hope in Heaven**

# **This Week**

**Paul starts to address the false teaching by demonstrating that Christ is sufficient in all things because he is God**

# Colossians 1:12-14

giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Qualified

Delivered

Transferred

Redeemed

Forgiven

**Christ our Salvation**

**God, though His Son Jesus  
Christ has transferred is from  
one who is stronger than us,  
to one who is stronger than  
the one who kept us prisoner**

**This is The Gospel**

# Question

**How might we add to what  
Christ has done for us so that we  
are *sure* we have salvation?**



# **Colossians 1:15**

**He is the image of the invisible  
God, the firstborn of all creation.**

**Image - Eiko'n the same as**

**First Born - Protokas first in rank**

**Christ our Salvation**

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# Colossians 1:16

**For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things were created through him and for him.**

**Thrones - Royalty**

**Dominions - Power and Lordship**

**Rulers (principalities) - Being first, The Leader**

**Authorities (powers) - free-will, choice, authority, government**

# Question

**How do these attitudes give rise in our daily lives, and how should we respond**

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# Colossians 1:19-22

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,**

# **There is a Condition**

**if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.**

**2 Timothy 4:7 – I have fought  
the good fighter, I have finished  
the race I have kept the faith.**

**Holding to a true  
understanding of who Christ  
is will not put in doubt their  
Salvation, but give them  
assurance as they continue in  
Hope**

# Question

**What will we do with with  
Paul's teaching? *'Of course  
we agree'*, or is there room  
for a closer look**