



## Colossians 1.1-14

“authentic”

### BEFORE THE STUDY

*Read Colossians 1.1-14*

1. How does Paul describe the Colossians now?
2. How does Paul want the Colossians to grow?
3. What is the basis and motivation for what Paul wants for the Colossians?
4. Are there any of these areas that you need to grow in?

## **DURING THE STUDY**

### **Read Colossians 1.1-2**

1. What do we learn about Paul and Timothy?
2. What do we learn about the Colossians?

### **Read Colossians 1.3-8**

3. List the things that Paul thanks God for.
4. How do you think “faith” and “Love” spring from “the hope that is stored up for you in heaven” (v5)?
5. Why is this encouraging?

### **Read Colossians 1.9-12**

6. What does Paul pray for the Colossians (v9)?
7. What do you think “the knowledge of his will” means? (hint: v1 and v12-14 might be helpful)
8. Why does Paul pray these things (v10-12)?
9. How can you tell that someone is “bearing fruit”, “growing in the knowledge of God”, “having great endurance” and “joyfully giving thanks”?
10. Which of these things do you find the hardest? and How can you help your group to work on these areas?

### **Read Colossians 1.13-14**

11. How does knowing that we are rescued and redeemed motivate us to live an authentic Christian life?
12. Are there any areas where your knowledge of the gospel is lacking? How can you improve this?
13. How does our passage today help us to move passed merely knowledge and into action?

Pray