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The background of the letter to the Colossians...1:1-29

What great testimony did the church at Colossae have? 1:3-4, 8 Eph.1:15; IThess.1:3; Philem.5

How had they come by this faith? 1:5, 7 Rom.10:14-17

Who shared the Gospel *with you*? Have you thanked the Lord for that message/messenger?

What was the purpose (goal) of Paul's prayers for them? 1:10-12; 2:2, 6-7, etc.

What was the heart of the prayers of Epaphras? 4:12-13

What's the message / application for us today?

What concerned Paul / Epaphras about the Colossians? 2:8, 16-23 see Gal.3:1

The central doctrine of Colossians...1:15-20

What is *your* summary of the teaching of 1:15-18?

And what was the Sovereign plan to accomplish 'through Him...'? 1:19-20; Eph.2:16

And now for those in Christ, what is our hope? 1:22

Central message: *Christ is everything. Don't get sidetracked. Live a life worthy of Him.*

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Paul (and everyone) had heard of their faith in Christ Jesus and their love for all the saints.

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They heard the word of truth, the Gospel, from Epaphras, a faithful, fellow bond-servant.

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For them to walk worthy of the Lord, to please Him in everything, growing in grace...

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That they would stand complete and fully assured. Spiritual stability! Not distracted by...

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They were being deceived by false teachers. Legalists (2:20-23). Satan's distractions...

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Christ is the creator/sustainer of everything created. Everything. He holds it all together.

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To reconcile all things to Himself, make peace through the blood of the cross. By Him!

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Formerly alienated/hostile/evil deeds. Now reconciled, holy/blameless/beyond reproach!

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