



Title | Having It All Together
Series | Toward Wholeness
Text | Colossians 1:1-8
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Sermon Notes

Colossians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf 8 and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. *ESV*

Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

How would define what it means to have it all together?

Tuesday:

Read Colossians 1:1-8. For what does Paul always give thanks? What does this suggest about the importance of these things?

Wednesday:

According to Colossians 1:4-5, what is it that prompted the Colossians' faith and love? Why is this important?

Thursday:

What is the nature of the "hope laid up for you in heaven" in Colossians 1:5? How do you get it? How can you build on it? (See 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Matthew 6:19-20).

Friday:

What is the relationship between the "hope laid up for you in heaven" (Colossians 1:5) and your experience of wholeness on earth today?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I'm letting go of trying to line up my circumstances as the basis for my wholeness. Instead, I give thanks for the hope laid up in heaven for me. Help me to invest in that hope by loving others as you loved me. Amen.