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The Power of the Gospel, for What?  
Colossians 1:1-14  
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It's easy to turn biblical Christianity  
into something that pleases \_\_\_\_\_,  
rather than letting biblical Christianity turn us  
into someone that pleases \_\_\_\_\_.

**Colossians 1:1-2**

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

*<sup>2</sup> To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father.*

**Colossians 1:3-5**

*Colossians 1:3 We always thank God, the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,*

*<sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and  
of the love you have for all the saints--*

*<sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored  
up for you in heaven and that you have already heard  
about in the word of truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to*

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you....

■ **Colossians 1:6-9** ■

*Colossians 1:6 ...All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.*

■ <sup>7</sup> You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. ■

■ *Colossians 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.* ■

■ **Colossians 1:10-11a** ■

*Colossians 1:10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge*

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of God,

<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ...

■ **Colossians 1:11b-14** ■

*Colossians 1:11b ... and joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.* ■

<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

■ <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ■