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### **New Believers Need Parenting**

#### **1. The Place** City of Colossae, Turkey

- Small, Least and Insignificant
- Pastor Epaphras and Philemon

#### **2. The People – New Believers**

- The Threat: Paganism, Legalism and Early Gnosticism
- Two Extremes: Legal and Loose
- Improve or Corrupt?

#### **3. The Purpose of the Letter**

- Solution: They Need to Know Jesus Better

### **Complete in Christ**

- You Have Everything You Need in Jesus
- What Impresses a Holy God?

## COLOSSIANS 1:1-2

### **Calvary Chapel Colossae.... Had A Lot Going for Them**

#### **The Attention & Help of Paul the Apostle**

- Prison: His Best Work from The Worst Place
- The Authority of The Apostle

#### **Assurance: God is Not Mad!**

- Saints and Brothers

## COLOSSIANS 1:3-5

### **Paul Gives Thanks for What He has Heard**

- Changed Lives are Loud!

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- His Highest Compliment: Faith, Love and Hope

### **1. Your Faith in Jesus**

- Saving Faith Must Have the Right Object — Jn. 5:39

### **2. Your Love for the Saints — 1 Jn. 3:14**

### **3. Your Hope of Heaven — Eph. 1:13**

- Real Hope Changes Everything

## **COLOSSIANS 1:6-8**

### **The Gospel Was Changing the World**

- The Transformation of the Roman World and Beyond

### **The Raw Power of the Word of God — Heb. 4:12**

- The Seed of the Word
- Under the Preaching and Teaching of the Word
- Pastor Epaphras — Neh. 8:8

### **Caesars Ships and the American Church**