



Colossians Devotional Series

Week 1- Colossians 1

Day 1. Reputation of Believers: “What is being said of you?”

Verse: Colossians 1:1-4

Reflection: Paul didn’t actually know them, in the next chapter it says and to those whom he has never seen face to face. Paul, is addressing them as saints and faithful brothers here based on reputation and what has been told of them. Christ calls us to be a light to the world - someone who is set apart. This should be reflected in how we act in the world. Paul knew by word of mouth of their faith and love. Making disciples is not just sitting down and having a bible study. It is about being a living example. It's walking in faith and love at all times with everyone. When we walk differently than the world. When we love our enemies, when we walk in peace, standing strong in our faith when it seems like we are in the valley of the shadow of death, that's the fruit that others see. That is what shows our firm foundation in Christ alone.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read the Colossians passage **slowly** once.
2. Read it again and **spotlight** one word or phrase that stands out. _____

3. Why is this word here? _____

What does it reveal about Christ or about me? _____

4. Connect it to John 13:35
5. Sit quietly for 30 seconds and ask the Holy Spirit to show you himself in these two passages.
6. What connections did you make? _____

Personal Inventory:

What are some good things you are living out? _____

What are some things that you need to lay down so that Christ can show through you to others?
(Gossip, fear, negativity, comparison, etc) _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to shape your witness into the image of Christ.

Action Step: What can you do today to lay down what is hindering Christ's image from showing through? _____

Day 2. Fruit- Bearing Life: “What is growing from your life?”

Verse: Colossians 1:5-6

Reflection: The Word of God produces fruit in us and through us when we truly hear it, understand it, and submit ourselves to it. As we receive the Word with open hearts, it begins to shape us, refine us, and mold us into the image of Christ. None of us will ever walk this out perfectly, but we should be growing — becoming more like Jesus and producing fruit that reflects His work in our lives.

Bearing fruit doesn't always mean creating something visible or impressive to the world. It means that goodness, righteousness, and Christlike character flow out of our lives. It means our words, actions, and attitudes shine light into a dark world and point back to Jesus.

If godly fruit isn't showing up in our lives or in the work of our hands, that's a signal to pause and ask: What needs to be surrendered, filtered out, or pruned so that my life can produce what honors Christ and advances His kingdom?

Scripture meditation:

1. Read the Colossians verse.
2. What fruit is this passage calling you to bear? _____

3. Read the connected verse Luke 6:43-45
4. What fruit is actually showing up in your life right now? _____

Personal Inventory:

What fruit is visible in your life right now?

Good fruit: _____

Bad fruit: _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to prune you of the bad fruit and grow the good and godly fruit in your life.

Action Step: Identify one fruit you want to cultivate intentionally. _____

How can you cultivate it? _____

Day 3. Abiding in Christ Daily: “Don’t Zip up the Tent!”

Verse: Colossians 1:6-8

Reflection: We were created to bear fruit — real, spiritual fruit that comes from staying connected to Jesus. When we abide in Him and stay rooted in His Word, the Holy Spirit uses that Word to shape us, teach us, and transform us. Fruit isn’t something we force; it grows naturally when we remain close to the Vine.

It brings us back to those earlier questions: *If Paul wrote a letter to you, how would he address it? What would people say about your faith and your love?* The answers reveal the kind of fruit our lives are producing. And if the fruit isn’t good, it’s a sign we’ve drifted and need to return to abiding.

You can’t have a great tent time with Jesus and then zip Him up in there when you leave. Abiding isn’t a moment — it’s a daily walk. It’s staying with Him, meditating on His Word, praying without ceasing, and becoming more aware of His presence. In a world that easily entangles us, just like Hebrews 12 warns, abiding is what keeps us steady, transformed, and fruitful.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read John 15:1-8 and Hebrews 12: 1-3
2. How does abiding in Christ help us to run the race that we have set before us?

Personal inventory:

Where do you tend to disconnect from Jesus during my day? _____

What is slowing down your obedience right now? _____

Who in your life shows you that faithfulness and endurance is possible? _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to help you fix your eyes upon Him, consider Him, become more aware of Him, and keep us attached to the vine where we produce good fruit and fruit that would remain.

Action Step: Choose one moment today to pause and re-abide.

How will you re-abide? _____

Day 4. Walking Worthy of the Lord: “Fully Pleasing to Him”

Verse: Colossians 1: 9-10

Reflection: Paul often encouraged the early churches to *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord*. A worthy walk is simply a life that reflects Jesus — one marked by humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity. When these qualities show up in our everyday moments, people begin to see Christ in us.

To walk worthy means living in a way that matches the One we follow. It means choosing what pleases God — *fully* — not living for the approval of people, but aligning our hearts with His. As we walk by the Spirit and stay rooted in the Word, good fruit begins to grow in every part of our lives. Our actions, our work, and even our quiet obedience become places where God produces something beautiful.

And Paul reminds us that this kind of walk grows as we increase in the knowledge of God. You can't truly know someone you never spend time with. The more time we spend in His Word and in His presence, the more our lives begin to look like His. Today, let your heart lean toward this simple invitation: walk closely with Him, walk worthily of Him, and let Him produce the fruit.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-3
2. Write out each trait mentioned and explain for each one how you reflect him in it and how you resist him.

Trait	How you reflect Christ in this trait.	How you resist Christ in this trait
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3. How does this connect to 2 Peter 3:17-18? _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to give you a heart that is fully pleasing to Him.

Action Step: What is one “Worthy Walk” trait that you can practice today? _____

How will you practice it? _____

Day 5. Strength Through God's Power: "Endurance with Joy"

Verse: Colossians 1:11

Reflection: Paul prayed that the believers would be "*strengthened with all power*," and that same prayer rests over your life today. God never intended for you to walk through this world in your own strength. He invites you to stand in **His** strength — the strength that comes from His might, His Spirit, and His presence with you.

Acts 1:8 reminds us that we *receive power* when the Holy Spirit comes upon us. That means every moment you feel weak, overwhelmed, or stretched thin, you are not left to yourself. The Holy Spirit supplies what you cannot produce. He gives endurance when life is heavy, patience when circumstances are frustrating, and joy even in seasons of suffering.

Through Christ alone, you can endure what comes your way. Through Christ alone, you can walk with joy when the path is difficult. And through Christ alone, you can become who He has called you to be. His love is powerful — powerful enough to strengthen you, steady you, and carry you through every step.

Today, rest in this truth: you don't have to be strong on your own. God delights in strengthening His people with His power. Let Him be your strength.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read the Colossians 1:11
2. Identify one area where you feel weak. _____

3. Read Isaiah 40:29 and Acts 1:8.
4. What strength is God offering you in exchange for your weakness? _____

5. Sit quietly imagining handing your weakness to Him.

Personal Inventory:

Where am I trying to endure my own strength? _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to help you receive his power.

Action Step: Surrender one burden to God today.

What are you surrendering? _____

How will you give it to God? _____

6. Christ's Supremacy: "First place in everything"

Verse: Colossians 1:15-20

Reflection: Colossians reminds us that Christ is the image of the invisible God — God made flesh — and the One who holds the highest place over all creation. Paul repeats the word **all** again and again: all things, all creation, everything. It's his way of inviting us to pause and remember just how big our God truly is.

Think about that for a moment. Every person, every creature, every mountain and ocean, every star and galaxy — all of it exists because He spoke. The universe stretches farther than our minds can grasp, yet Christ holds it all together with His power.

And this same Jesus loves you. He wants a relationship with you. The One who created billions of people and billions of stars is the One who carries your life in His hands. If He can speak worlds into existence, why do we struggle to trust Him with our needs, our fears, or our future?

Colossians 1:18 says Christ should "hold first place in everything." Because He is supreme, sovereign, and risen, He deserves first place in your heart and your life.

Today, let your trust rest in the One who holds all things — and who holds you.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read Colossians 1:15-20 and Ephesians 5:8-9
2. What darkness has God delivered you from? _____

3. Read 1 Peter 2:9 — "called into His marvelous light."
4. Visualize stepping out of darkness into light.
5. Thank God for redemption and forgiveness.

Personal Inventory:

Where does Christ NOT hold first place in my life? _____

Prayer: Ask the lord to reorder priorities around Christ's supremacy.

Action Step: Choose one area to intentionally put Christ first today.

What is that area? _____

How will you intentionally put Christ first? _____

Day 7. Living out the Great Commission: “Christ in you, the hope of Glory”

Verse: Colossians 1:24-29

Reflection: Jesus came fully God and fully man so He could reconcile us back to the Father. Sin once separated us, but through His death and His blood, we’ve been forgiven, restored, and made holy and blameless in His sight. Paul reminds us that we must continue in this faith — staying steady, rooted, and unmoved from the hope of the gospel. When we stand firm on Christ, we are not easily shaken.

Paul knew his calling came from God, not from himself. He became a servant of the gospel through God’s grace and God’s power. And the same is true for us. We are God’s people, part of the body of Christ, and He has given each of us work to do for the benefit of others. You may feel unqualified or unsure, but Acts 1:8 reminds us that the Holy Spirit gives us power to carry out the mission Jesus gave — to make disciples wherever we live, work, and play.

At the end of Colossians 1, Paul says he proclaims Christ “with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.” That’s our invitation too: to trust God’s strength, walk in His calling, and share the good news through the power He provides.

Today, remember this simple truth:

You’ve been reconciled by Christ, rooted in Him, and empowered to serve Him. He will work through you as you walk faithfully with Him.

Scripture Meditation:

1. Read the Colossians passage.
2. Read Matthew 28:18–20 and Ephesians 3:2-7
3. What work/gift has God given you for the benefit of others? _____

Personal inventory: Where is my mission field today — home, work, school, community? _____

Prayer Focus: Ask God to Empower you with His energy and boldness.

Action Step: What can you do today to use the gifts that God has given you? _____

Share encouragement or truth with one person today

