**COLOSSIANS: THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH**

Colossians 1:1-14

1) How does Paul introduce himself? Why would this be necessary?

2) Timothy is with Paul while he’s in prison. Who is Timothy?

3) What does he acknowledge about the recipients of the letter in verse 2?

4) What does Paul always do when he prays for churches?

5) What specifically does he thank God for?

6) How would you define ‘saving faith in Jesus?’

7) According to verses 4-5, why did the Colossian church love one another?

8) What does Paul call the gospel in verse 5? Why is that?

9) According to Paul, what is the evidence that the gospel is being understood in truth?

10) Who did the people of Colossae first hear the gospel from?

11) How is Epaphras a faithful minister? (1:7, 4:12)

12) Paul first thanks God for the church and then he prays for them. What are his prayer requests in verses 9-14?

13) [personal] Evaluate your faith. Is it a true belief *in* Christ, and not simply *about* him?

14) Do I pray for the church, and when I do, does it resemble Paul’s prayers?