

**The Real One**  
**Colossians 1:1-5**

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**I. The City of Colossae.**

1. These believers at Colossae were struggling because they were subjected to a very \_\_\_\_\_ culture.
2. These believers at Colossae were struggling because they were battling a \_\_\_\_\_ religious culture.
3. These believers at Colossae were struggling because they were living in a very \_\_\_\_\_ society.
4. These believers at Colossae were struggling because they were living in an \_\_\_\_\_ confused culture.

Laws and moral teaching cannot change a heart; only the Lord, through His Holy Spirit, can \_\_\_\_\_ a human heart.

**II. The writers and recipients of the letter. Colossians 1:1-2**

The main theme of the letter is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ!

- The dictionary says a **saint** is a person acknowledged as \_\_\_\_\_ or virtuous and typically regarded as being in heaven after death.

Biblically, every person who places their trust and hope in Jesus' free gift of salvation, \_\_\_\_\_ by His death and resurrection is a saint.

**III. Remarkable faith. Colossians 1:3-5**

Being thankful in life pulls me into \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

- Paul was a man of \_\_\_\_\_, so God used him mightily, as he heard and obeyed the voice of God.

Faith involves things not seen; so we know faith involves the \_\_\_\_\_, as we trust the Lord for what will come to pass. **Hebrews 11:1**

- The word "**hope**" means a joyful and confident \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal salvation. **Titus 2:13-14**

The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus Christ came from heaven to \_\_\_\_\_ on a cross, rise again and is the only way of salvation for guilty sinners to stand redeemed before a holy God.

**IV. Practical Application.**

**John 14:3** *And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and \_\_\_\_\_ you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

- Later when Thomas finally gets to see the risen Christ; he cries out, "**My \_\_\_\_\_ and my God**".

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. *What things were distinctive about the church and city of Colossae that were mentioned in the sermon?*
2. *Discuss the four things the Colossian people were struggling with from point I. of the sermon note sheet. How are these things similar to what our society struggles with today?*
3. *What were the main two purposes for this letter that were mentioned in the sermon? What is the main theme of the **Book of Colossians**?*
4. *Who can be a saint? How does someone become a saint? **1 Timothy 2:5, Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Acts 9:32, Romans 8:27, Romans 10:9-10***
5. *Read **Hebrews 11:1-6**. Discuss some ways of exercising and growing in Biblical faith. **Romans 10:17, Acts 14:8-10, Eph. 2:8, Prov. 3:5-7, 2 Peter 3:18, Hebrews 6:1, Luke 17:5***
6. *How do we dishonor God by a lack of faith? When we disbelieve God? **Psalms 78:22, Neh. 9:16, Psalm 95:8-11, Rom. 4:20, Mark 6:1-6***
7. *What does the word "**hope**" mean and how do we get Biblical "**hope**"? **Romans 5:5, Romans 15:4, Romans 15:13, Ephesians 1:18, Colossians 1:27***
8. *Discuss the practical applications from this sermon.*