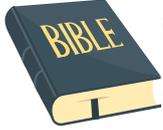


COLOSSIANS

for KIDS



READ

COLOSSIANS Chapter 1:1-14 (NIV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. Thanksgiving and Prayer³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



EXPLORE

What did Paul do every time he prayed for the church at Colossae? (verse 3)

Why did Paul thank God for them? (verse 4)

What was the gospel continuing to do in the Colossian's lives? (verse 6)

How did the Colossian's hear the gospel? (verse 7)



Find Colossae on the map.

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Colossians 1:6



APPLY

How often do you pray for those you know in other churches? How often do you thank God for them, as Paul prays for the Colossian Church?

Sometimes

All the time

Never

Paul says the gospel - the good news about Jesus - needs to bear fruit in us. It needs to produce faith in God and love for others (verse 6). How do you see the fruit of the gospel growing in your life?

I pray to God

I read my bible

I love others by speaking kindly

I love others by doing nice things for them

I talk about Jesus with my friends



PRAY

Thank God that he has called many people to trust in his son, Jesus Christ. Pray for the many churches throughout the world, and give thanks for them.

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