

# COLOSSIANS

“So that you will walk in a manner  
worthy of the Lord,  
to please Him in all respects....”

# Thanksgiving for a Christ-Worthy Walk, Colossians 1:3-8.

The Reality of the Thanksgiving, 1:3.

The Recipient of the Thanksgiving, 1:3.

The Repetition of the Thanksgiving, 1:3.

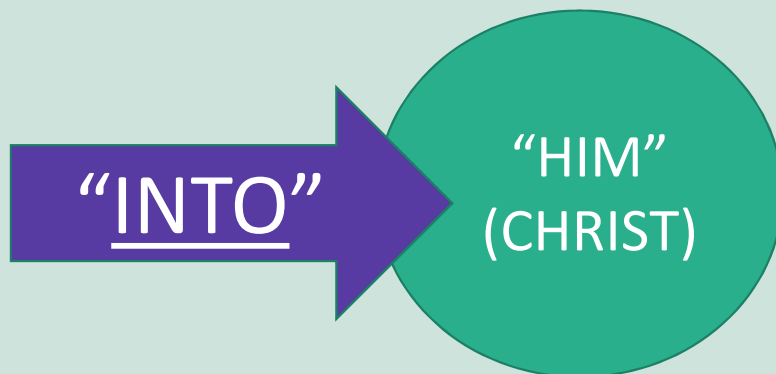
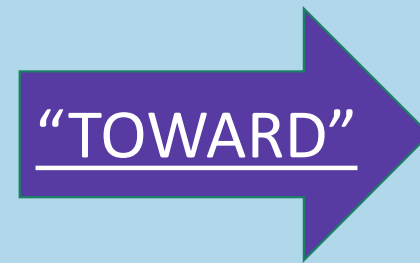
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PREPOSITIONAL  
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of which you previously heard  
in the word of truth, the gospel



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  - ✓ The Promise of the hope!

## Paul's Digression on the Gospel, Col. 1:5-7

- The Descriptions of the Gospel
  - The Gospel
  - The Message of The Hope
  - The Word of the Truth
  - The Message of The Grace of God in Truth

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- The Arrival of the Gospel
  - It had come to them!
  - They heard and understood it!
  - They had learned it from Epaphras
- The Spread of the Gospel
  - It is bearing fruit!
  - It is increasing!

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- The Messenger of the Gospel: Epaphras!
  - Beloved!
  - Fellow Bond-Servant!
  - Faithful Servant of Christ
  - Faithful Servant of Christ on Paul's behalf!
  - Bond-slave of Jesus Christ, 4:12-13
  - An earnest, ardent pray-er on their behalf!
  - A man of deep concern!

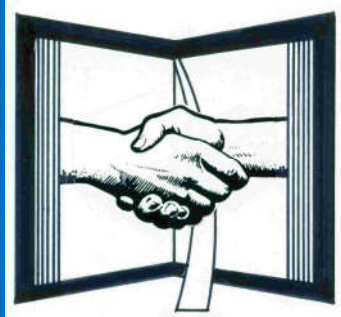
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TO PRAY...

AND TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

AS SERVANTS

OF JESUS CHRIST???



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