

## Changed By Jesus

*Colossians 1:1-8 (ESV)*

*God's extraordinary work happens when  
faith and love are active.*

### A Few Things as We Begin Our Study of Colossians:

**This is a letter between** \_\_\_\_\_.

- Paul writes to express concern, provide clarity, and give spiritual coaching.
- Do not read the letter like a formal presentation.
- The Bible's concern reaches beyond information to action.

**The letter begins with a prayer of** \_\_\_\_\_.

- Which shows us how Paul understands prayer
  - as a tool of encouragement
  - as a source of personal gratitude

**Faith** \_\_\_\_\_ **Uses**.

- Faith is a settled belief that shapes life.
- Faith in Christ Jesus points to Him as the core content of Biblical faith.
- Faith in Christ Jesus points to the personal, living relationship of Biblical faith.
- The Colossians had a living example of faith in Epaphras.

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**Love That** \_\_\_\_\_.

- Love God uses for His extraordinary work:
  - Is built on hope laid up on the sure promises of Christ Jesus.

**Love that is** \_\_\_\_\_:

- Empowers us to move forward with biblical realism.
  - Love that is growing.
  - Love that is loud.

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