

# **STUDIES ON COLOSSIANS**

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## **Lesson 2**

### **FIRST, THANKSGIVING**

**Colossians 1:3--8**

#### **Introduction**

#### **I. Doctrinal: the person and work of Christ 1:1--2:3**

##### **A. Introduction 1:1--14**

##### **1. The salutation 1:1--2**

**a. The writer 1:1**

**b. The recipients of the epistle 1:2a**  
**saints**

**faithful brethren in Christ**

**c. The greeting 1:2b**  
**grace to you**

**peace**

##### **2. The thanksgiving 1:3--8**

**a. The expression of thanksgiving 1:3**

**The main verb in vv. 3--8 is "We give thanks"**

**"God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" 1:3**

**"praying always for you"**

**b. The occasion of thanksgiving 1:4**

**"faith in Christ Jesus"**

**"love . . . for all the saints"**

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### **c. The explanation of their condition 1:5--8**

**"because of the hope" 1:5**

**"laid up for you"**

**"which . . . the gospel"**

**"which . . . the grace of God in truth" 1:6**

**"in all the world"**

**"Epaphras" 1:7**

**"love" 1:8**

**"in the Spirit"**

### **Conclusion and application**

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