

*For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior. **John 3:16–17 (GNT)***

*Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God... **Colossians 1:15 (GNT)***

*Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him. Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith, as you were taught. And be filled with thanksgiving. **Colossians 2:6, 7 (GNT)***

From Paul, who by God's will is an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy— To God's people in Colossae, who are our faithful friends in union with Christ: May God our Father give you grace and peace. We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all God's people. When the true message, the Good News, first came to you, you heard about the hope it offers. So your faith and love are based on what you hope for, which is kept safe for you in heaven. The gospel keeps bringing blessings and is spreading throughout the world, just as it has among you ever since the day you first heard about the grace of God and came to know it as it really is. You learned of God's grace from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is Christ's faithful worker on our behalf. He has told us of the love that the Spirit has given you.

Colossians 1:1–8 (GNT)

The gospel keeps bringing blessings and is spreading throughout the world, just as it has among you ever since the day you first heard about the grace of God and came to know it as it really is.

Colossians 1:6 (GNT)

WHEN YOU ARE CHANGED BY GOD'S GRACE...

1. YOU SEE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES DIFFERENTLY - _____ OF _____

*We always give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus. **Colossians 1:3–4a (GNT)***

*For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. **Philippians 4:13 (NLT)***

*And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs. **Philippians 4:19 (GNT)***

*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the Almighty God. Obey me and always do what is right." **Genesis 17:1 (GNT)***

2. YOU RELATE TO PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY - _____ OF _____

*For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all God's people. **Colossians 1:4 (GNT)***

3. YOU SEE THE FUTURE DIFFERENTLY - _____ OF _____

*When the true message, the Good News, first came to you, you heard about the hope it offers. So your faith and love are based on what you hope for, which is kept safe for you in heaven. **Colossians 1:5 (GNT)***

How do you restore hope?

1. Find _____
2. Practice _____
3. Rehearse the _____

*Living within you is the Christ who floods you with the expectation of glory! This mystery of Christ, embedded within us, becomes a heavenly treasure chest of hope filled with the riches of glory for his people, and God wants everyone to know it! **Colossians 1:27 (TPT)***

ONE KEY TAKEAWAY

From this message, what is the one key takeaway you will apply to grow your faith?