

Above All: Identity
Colossians 1:1-8
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I. Who _____ we?

A. Called to _____ God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

B. _____ and faithful _____.

II. What is _____ of us?

A. _____.

Hebrews 11:1-3; 6

B. _____.

John 13:35

C. _____.

1 Peter 1:3-5

III. Where did this come from (The _____)?

A. What it is: the _____ and
_____ of God?

Romans 1:16, 17

B. What it _____.

Acts 6:7

C. How it _____.

The importance of _____.

Romans 10:13-14

Some thoughts to take home:

- Where are you called to serve?
- Do you have a growing faith and a deepening love?
- Do you have the hope of heaven found in the Gospel?
- Is it bearing fruit in your life?

This Week's Songs

All Because Of Jesus

In Christ Alone

All Creatures Of Our God And King

Rising Sun

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Small Group Questions
From: Colossians & Philemon,
by John MacArthur

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. If you were arrested and put on trial for being a Christian, what would be the strongest evidence that you are “guilty as charged”?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read Colossians 1:1-8 and answer the following questions.
 - a. In this short passage, we gain a number of insights into the lives of the Colossian believers. What words and phrases did Paul use to describe this church and his relationship with it?

- b. If this were the only passage in the Bible that described the gospel, what could you learn about God's good news, just from these eight verses?

2. Read 1 John 4:7-16 and answer the following questions.
 - a. What are some of the evidences the apostle John cites as “proof” that a person has truly been converted?

- b. How does John summarize the gospel (4:13-15)?

3. The Colossians learned or heard the gospel from Epaphras. Who taught it to you? With whom are you sharing the gospel?

4. Paul said the gospel will bear fruit wherever it takes root. What are some of the most vivid evidences of life change that God's Spirit has produced in you since believing in Christ?