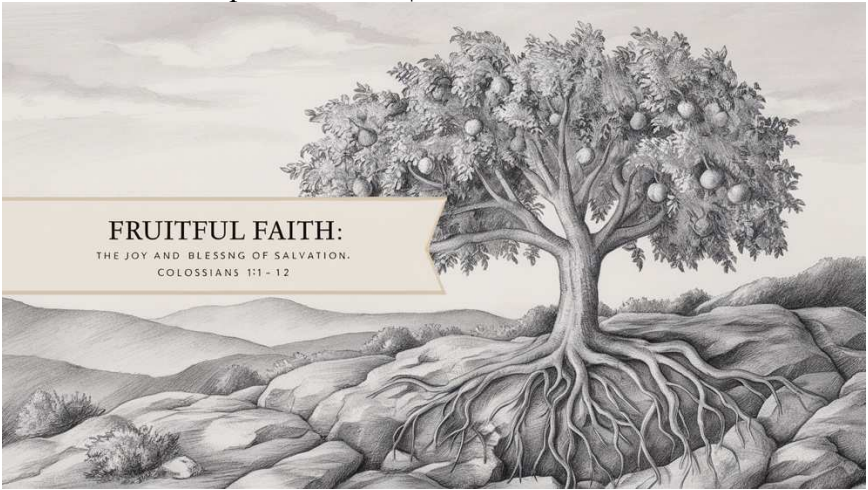


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V1 – V12: Thanksgiving and Prayer

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V3: Paul’s continued prayer and thanksgiving

V4: Colossae’s faith to God and love to others

V5: Hope comes from the Gospel

V6: Bearing Fruit from knowing God

V7: Epaphras’ role in Colossae

V8: Epaphras told Paul about the Colossians

V9: Prayer for increasing

V10 - V11: Live a fruit bearing life

V12: Give thanks and share

Paul:

Paul’s Apostleship was established because of God’s will (and intervention.): Acts 9:1-19

References:

Romans 1:1, 1 Corinthians 1:1, 2 Corinthians 1:1, Galatians 1:1,

Ephesians 1:1, Colossians 1:1, 1 Timothy 1:1, 2 Timothy 1:1 and Titus 1:1

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Timothy:

We know Timothy (the brother) from first and second Timothy, and also from many different verses in scripture.

References: Acts 16:1, Acts 17:14, Acts 18:5, Acts 19:22, Acts 20:4, Romans 16:21, 1 Corinthians 4:17, 1 Corinthians 16:10, 2 Corinthians 1:1, 2 Corinthians 1:19, Philippians 1:1, Philippians 2:19 and Colossians 1:1.

Epaphras: Colossians 1:7-8, Colossians 4:12-13, and Philemon 23.

Paul's Apostolic Introduction

Verse (From Paul)	Grace	Peace	Mercy
Romans 1:7	✓	✓	
1 Corinthians 1:3	✓	✓	
2 Corinthians 1:2	✓	✓	
Galatians 1:3	✓	✓	
Ephesians 1:2	✓	✓	
Philippians 1:2	✓	✓	
Colossians 1:2	✓	✓	
1 Thessalonians 1:1	✓	✓	
2 Thessalonians 1:2	✓	✓	
1 Timothy 1:2	✓	✓	✓
2 Timothy 1:2	✓	✓	✓
Titus 1:4	✓	✓	
Philemon 1:3	✓	✓	

When Paul is writing this, Paul is referring to

- **Grace:** God's undeserved / unmerited favor. | Romans 3:23-24, Romans 11:6, Titus 3:5-7, Ephesians 2:8-9, *Romans 5:1-2 (Grace and Peace)*
- **Peace:** The calm (peace) that comes from God | Philippians 4:7, John 14:27, *Romans 5:1-2 (Grace and Peace)*

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