

Colossians 1:1

By whose authority?

1. Paul's Person

2. Paul's Position (apostleship)

- The definition of "apostle"

- The apostles in the NT

- Qualifications of an "apostle"

- Paul's apostleship

3. Paul's Penmanship

Application of Colossians 1:1

1. Reflect on the salvation testimony of Paul to lead you to reflect upon God's grace to bring you from a point of hostility toward Him (Rom 8:7-8; Col 1:21) to saving, life-changing faith.
2. How would you respond biblically to people who don't think Paul was an apostle and/or that he didn't write the 13 letters attributed to him?
3. How would you respond biblically to someone who said apostles still continue in the church today?
4. Given Paul wrote this letter to the Colossians as an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, how should this prepare us to study through this book (and all of Scripture)?
5. Meditate on verses that highlight the value and authority of Scripture e.g. Ps 19:7-14; 119; Is 55:11; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21
6. Consider the following thoughts, "Scripture is to interpret Scripture" and "Scripture is to be the authority over us, not we be the authority over Scripture." In what way should this impact your own study and interpretation of Scripture?
7. Thank the Lord for Scripture, His Word that He inspired and has preserved for our benefit and every other generation before and after us.

Reading this week: Read & pray through the whole book of Colossians this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	Paul's _____	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	Paul's _____	_____
<u>Verses</u>	Paul's _____	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God	Christ/Jesus	Apostle	Bible/Word/Scripture	Church	Paul

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: