



SERIES: August / September Series “HE IS ENOUGH”

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Scripture: Colossians 1:1-2

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How do you respond to a letter from someone you never received before? What do you do with an e-mail from someone you know of, but have no real connection with? I typically give it a quick assessment to see if it’s legit or if it’s spam. I want to know if the contents are personal or generic. But when I know the content applies to me, and has important implications for my life, I am thankful. I am attentive.

Well, today, we are beginning a two-month study of a letter like this to the church in Colosse. This two-month study is called “He is Enough.” This is the theme of this letter in Colossians: Christ is enough. The question is, do we believe it?

Let’s begin our study of Colossians by reading Colossians 1:1-2 (NLT).

“This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy.

²We are writing to God’s holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace.”

We are back with our buddy Paul. Paul is in his usual penthouse suite high above the city in Rome, enjoying room service, spa treatments, and luxury at its finest. Oh, wait. This is the Apostle Paul. He is writing in Rome, but he is in prison. It’s his usual letter-writing prison. But that doesn’t stop Paul from church care.

This letter is written to the Colossian church. Paul had never been there, but his friend Epaphras needs Paul’s assistance. So Paul is writing to help fight false teachers, a battle we need to continue today. Paul begins by introducing himself and Timothy. It’s likely that Timothy was the transcriptionist, and Paul was the author. But he says something that I want us to focus on. He says, “chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus.” The theme of Colossians is the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ. God chose Paul to be a messenger of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Gospel is not generic good news. It is The Good News. It is the Good News, because it both is about the real Jesus Christ and it frees people from the bondage of sin.

There are many false gospels today. They are made from science fiction, fantasy, and bizarre pictures of Jesus. But the problem is a false gospel is no gospel, according to Galatians, because it has no saving power. It leaves people dead in their sins.

But the Gospel Paul presented is the real Gospel. It's the Gospel we proclaim today. And that's why this is my challenge for you today: Preach the Gospel to yourself and another person.

Though you may be saved, you still need the Gospel. It frees us from the game of religion. It leads us to life to the fullest. So, remember what Christ has done, and live it out.

Then, share the Gospel with someone else who needs to hear it. The Gospel is the Good News for Salvation to a lost and broken world. So share it proudly and boldly. It is the power of Salvation. So let's receive it and share it.

When the Gospel consumes and permeates through us, we will in the day.