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Colossian heretics were trying to spread a teaching that Christ was not sufficient. Epaphras, who is the planter of this most likely small and young church meeting in houses in Colossae, is fearful of what could happen to his community of believers and so he makes the trip to visit Paul in prison to seek guidance for the situation.

Paul starts with the first 34 verses leading up to **Colossian 2:6-7**, where he says "therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude (or thankfulness)" to do just that. He reminds them about some key things in the first 14 verses we will see today. 1) that the gospel has come to them and that its affects are noticeable (v. 5-6) (as you have received Christ) 2) that their faith in Jesus, whom they heard from Epaphras, is real and this is why (v. 4) (been firmly rooted, established in your faith, you were instructed) 3) that they should be thankful for these things (v. 12) (overflowing with gratitude)

v.4-8, As I mentioned previously Paul starts out his prayer of thanksgiving, pointing out the faith of the Colossian community. That this faith was based on something heard and acknowledged with the mind. Faith includes not only personal trust and commitment, but also the belief that certain things are true.

v. 5, hope is based on the **gospel** which came to them, sought them out, from the mouth of Epaphras. What is the gospel? (**Romans 3:21-26, Romans 5:8-10, Romans 6:22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, John 3:16-21**)

v. 6, Paul points out to the Colossians that this gospel is "bearing fruit". How do we as believers bear fruit? (**John 15:1-5**)

In his opening "thanksgiving" Paul wants the Colossians to grasp: that they are a continuing on of God's story of reconciling a people to him so that they will be reconcilers based on the reality of the gospel coming to them, reconciling them to himself, and now growing in Colossae as it is doing elsewhere throughout the world.

v.9-11, Paul's prayer of petition is for two things: 1) the knowledge of God's will 2) the power to perform it.

Paul is saying is that they are to "**walk**" based on the knowledge of His will. (**Ephesians 1:17-21**)

v.11 indicates now the power which enables this young church to grow in this way. (**Ephesians 1:18-19**)

v.12-14, Based on the tense in the verbs, these verses should be understood as v.12 giving thanks to the Father, who has **already** qualified you to share in the inheritance (**Ephesians 1:13-14**) of the saints in light. 13 He has **already** delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom (**Ephesians 2:1-6, 19**) of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have (**present on-going**) redemption (**Romans 3:24**) and forgiveness of sins. (**Ephesians 1:7**)