

# Grace to You and Peace

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**Colossians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
<sup>2</sup> to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* at Colossae: **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father.  
<sup>3</sup> We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,  
<sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;  
<sup>5</sup> because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel,  
<sup>6</sup> which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth;  
<sup>7</sup> just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,  
<sup>8</sup> and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.  
<sup>9</sup> For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,  
<sup>10</sup> so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;  
<sup>11</sup> strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously  
<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.  
<sup>13</sup> For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,  
<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**1:19** For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him,  
<sup>20</sup> and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.  
<sup>21</sup> And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds,  
<sup>22</sup> yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach--  
<sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.  
<sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

## **Opportunities** to *love, serve and share*

**1 Thessalonians 2:8** Having thus a fond affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

The Big Four:

1. Prayer
2. Sharing with friends
3. Sharing tracts and promos
4. Small group bridge events

Large bridge events

*CrossPointe In Action*

Benevolence

Sports

Golf

Community Center Sports

Fishing

Community organizations (Needed: attendees, liaisons and event organizers)

Chamber of Commerce

Community Center

School

*Kids Live*

Tutoring (the arts\* and academics)

*PTO* events

before school care\*

Motivation/rewards program\*

*Cultural Connections* events

*Artists Guild*

*Arts League*

*Food and Wine on Pine*

*Historical Society\**

*Turtle Watch\**

*Garden Club\**

*CERT (disaster relief)\**

*Island Players\**

*Privateers\**

*Preservation Society\**

Municipalities

Disaster Relief, Beach clean up, \* community building event\*

Businesses\*

Business Emergency Assistance Team

NEMO, HB Merchants Assoc, Bridge St Mer Assoc

Civic Clubs: Rotary, Kiwanis, other?

Services to the community

New movers welcome wagon

Doors, street, beach, piers and bars

Parades

Children's Outreach

Fishing\*

Workshops and classes (swimming, surfing, skiing, sailing, kayaking music, art, wood working, outdoorsmanship, sports, skateboarding, etc.)\*

### **Missions Opportunities (east county and beyond)**

Prayer

Partnering with a church in need/migrant ministry\*

Short term missions

Missionary support

Crisis pregnancy center

Children's homes

Disaster relief

Become a career missionary

\* not yet happening

Note: The lists above contain only the ministries with an outreach component. See the *Ministry Opportunities* guide for a list of all the ministries of CrossPointe Fellowship

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**2:13** And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

<sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

<sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

### **4:2-13**

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of* thanksgiving;

<sup>3</sup> praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

<sup>4</sup> in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup> Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

<sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, *as it were*, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

<sup>7</sup> As to all my affairs, Tychicus, *our* beloved brother and faithful servant and fellow bond-servant in the Lord, will bring you information.

<sup>8</sup> For I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know *about* our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts;

<sup>9</sup> and with him Onesimus, *our* faithful and beloved brother, who is one of your *number*. They will inform you about the whole situation here.

<sup>10</sup> Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you his greetings; and *also* Barnabas' cousin Mark (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him);

<sup>11</sup> and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are from the circumcision; and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.

<sup>12</sup> Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

<sup>13</sup> For I bear him witness that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis.