



What A Difference Christ Makes!

Series: *Jesus: Supreme & Sufficient* (Colossians, #01)

Colossians 1:1-8

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Theme: **Give thanks that Christ makes you complete.**

Christ provides true faith.

1. The constant search for true faith.
2. The clear, free provision in Christ. (2, 4-6; see also John 3:16, 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9)

Christ provides true fulfillment.

1. A life motivated by love.
(4, 8; see also 3:12-14; Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:22; 1 John 5:1)
2. A life characterized by productivity.
(5-6; see also John 15:5, 8, 16; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Peter 4:10)
3. A life marked by thankfulness.
(3; see also Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Ephesians 1:15-16; Philemon 4-5)

Christ provides true certainty.

1. The reality of true, certain hope. (5; see also Romans 5:5, 8:25; Titus 1:2, 2:13)
2. The guarantee of the true, certain hope.
(2; see also 1:27; Romans 3:24, 5:5, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:12,; 30; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 1:3, 2:6; Philippians 1:6)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Colossians 1:1-8. Those believers lived in a world pushing and pulling at them with a collage of false ideas. While removed in time and culture from us, they faced many of the pressures we face. Christ made all the difference by making them complete. He does that for us. Thank God for this, and prepare to be encouraged and strengthened as we move through this letter.

Tuesday. Part of Christ making believers complete is providing us the true faith that everyone seeks. We are *saints*—set apart for God to be His holy people—by His grace through faith. Yes, this is “the old, old story” which we have known for so long and can take for granted. Thank God for His gift of true faith.

Wednesday. Christ makes us complete by providing true fulfillment evidenced by a life motivated by love, characterized by productivity and marked by thankfulness. Review the outline and any notes you made on Sunday. What is the state of these evidences in your life? Identify any specific needs for growth and steps you will take to grow.

Thursday. Christ makes us complete by providing true certainty. What a contrast to the vague uncertainty non-believers have! Our hope in Christ is certain and does not disappoint because it is based in eternal, sovereign, unchanging God Himself. Thank God for the difference Christ has made and is making in your life.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at Colossians 1:9-14, Paul’s prayer for the Colossian believers’ growth. Read and think through these verses as you prepare for our time together.

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