



Foothill Bible Church  
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## **THE MESSAGE OF COLOSSIANS**

The Apostle Paul was inspired by God to write this letter to the church at Colosse while imprisoned in Rome. Colosse was a Roman province of Asia Minor (modern-day western Turkey).

The church had probably been in existence for around five years and was likely founded by Ephaphras. This letter promotes an unparalleled portrait of Christ as first, supreme, everything, and above all!

### **1A. JESUS first involves life**

- 1B. Given by God**
- 2B. Lived for God**
- 3B. Lived with God**

### **2A. JESUS first involves change**

- 1B. Radical change**
- 2B. Dramatic change**
- 3B. Continual change**

### **3A. JESUS first involves others**

#### **1B. As seen in Paul**

- 1C. He wrote to them
- 2C. He thanked God for them
- 3C. He prayed for them
- 4C. He preached to them
- 5C. He suffered for them
- 6C. He desired God's best for them

#### **2B. As seen in every sphere of life**

- 1C. At home
- 2C. At work
- 3C. At everyplace

Can people really change? The answer of Colossians is, absolutely yes!  
The identity and character of JESUS first is the key to change.