

Questions for Considerations—With the Master and Nothing Else—Lesson 2—  
Colossians 1:3-8—Commendations to the Church at Colossae

1. (a) Read Colossians 1:1-8. What does the term “we” refer to in verses 3-8? (b) According to these verses what should happen when the gospel is proclaimed?

2. Memorize Colossians 1:3.

3. (a) Notice the beginnings of all of Paul’s writings: Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon and Hebrews. (There is debate among scholars as to who wrote Hebrews; I am of the persuasion that Paul wrote it). (b) How many of these letters mention that Paul either prays for those he is writing or that he is thankful for them? Which books are they? (c) How many of these letters do not mention these things? Which books are those? (d) What does this tell you about Paul? (e) What might it tell you about those churches, especially the churches that are not commended?

4. (a) According to Colossians 1:4, 5, what things had Paul heard about the Colossian believers that convinced him that they were believers? (b) What similar New Testament passages come to mind when you read these verses?

5. (a) How does love manifest itself according to John 13? (b) What are some practical ways that we as Christians should be showing love to the brethren?

6. (a) What are some of the things you are looking forward to in heaven? (b) How does these things give you hope as you walk through this life?

6. If Paul were writing a letter to the church you attend, for what things do you think he would commend your church?

7. Does your life truly demonstrate the love of Christ? How could it improve? Please write a request that reflects your need in this area.