

## Paul's Greeting to the Colossian Believers—Colossians 1:1–2

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When approaching a Bible book, many Christians make the mistake of skipping the introductions. Some claim they do so in order to get to the meat of the book. For the Apostle Paul, the introduction is the road map to the rest of the epistle. More importantly, to avoid any part of God's Holy Word is to consider it non-essential. Jesus said, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT of the MOUTH OF GOD** (Matthew 4:4). The introduction to the Book of Colossians is no exception.

### I. The Addresser (1:1)

A. Paul's Appointment

B. Paul's Authority

C. Paul's Associate

### II. The Addressee (1:2)

A. Their Spiritual Position

B. Their Territorial Position