

Colossians 1:1-14  
Series – Rooted: A Study of Colossians  
Message – The True Message  
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### Series Introduction

- “Colossae was the least important church to which any epistle of St. Paul was addressed” (J.B. Lightfoot, quoted in Douglas Moo, The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon, p.26).

### The Problem: Truth vs. Falsehood

- No false teachers or false teaching is named specifically.
- Colossians 2:8
- The problem seems to be that the Colossians were tempted to buy into some \_\_\_\_\_ of spiritual beliefs.
- “...but they mingled with the nations and adopted their customs” (Psalm 106:35).
- Colossians 1:5-6
- The phrase “true message” could be literally rendered “truth word” – meaning “a word that describes \_\_\_\_\_ truthfully.”
- Colossians 1:6
- Paul is talking about the true message of God \_\_\_\_\_ understood by people.
- John 8:44

### A Life Worthy of the Lord

- Colossians 1:9-10
- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom and understanding that \_\_\_\_\_ us with the knowledge of God’s will.
- Colossians 1:11-12

### Change of Jurisdiction

- Colossians 1:12-14
- “Qualified”

- “Dominion”
- *Exousia* – authority, power, the right to \_\_\_\_\_ or govern, the sphere of jurisdiction

### Jewish Understanding

----- Current Age ----- || ----- Age to Come -----

### Christian Understanding

----- Age to Come -----

----- Current Age -----

- “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness” (Colossians 2:6-7).

### **How will you respond to God’s word today?**

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### Reflection Questions

1. If the problem in Colossians is that they were buying into a mashup of spiritual beliefs, where in our world today do you see parallels to that problem?
2. If a friend said to you, “Hey, that pastor talked about the gospel as ‘a word that describes reality truthfully.’ Do you think that’s right? And if so, how does the gospel describe the world truthfully?”
3. Where in your life are you tempted to prove your spiritual qualifications? How might you receive the Father’s love in that space where you feel a need to defend yourself?
4. What captured your attention in this message? How might you respond to that thought or idea?
5. What might God be saying to you?
6. What are you going to do about it?