

**WHAT DO WE REALLY NEED?**  
**LESSONS FROM A GREETING: Part 1**  
**Colossians 1:1**

**I. COLOSSIANS BACKGROUND**

**II. We need to LIVE AND SERVE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR GIFTING IN CHRIST: Paul and Timothy's Example (1a)**

**A. Paul fully understood his gifting and calling in Christ: He was an Apostle (1a)**

1. What is an Apostle? (various passages)
  
2. Paul was an Apostle of Jesus Christ (1b)
  
3. Paul was an Apostle by the will of God (1Cor. 1:1, 2Cor. 1:1, Eph. 1:1, Col. 1:1, 2Tim. 1:1)

**B. Paul served with faithful brethren: Timothy's Awesome Example (1b, Misc. passages)**

1. Timothy was a **brother** in Christ (1)
  
2. Timothy was **single minded** focused on the interest of Christ (Phil. 2:20-21)
  
3. Timothy was a **visibly proven** servant: (Phil. 2:22a)
  
4. Timothy was **submissive** servant (Phil. 22b)

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**III. We need to REMEMBER OUR POSITION IN CHRIST: We are Saints and His children (2a)**

- A.** The Colossians were all Saints (set apart by Him)
  
- B.** And some were Faithful Brethren
  
- C.** They were all "in Christ"

**IV. We need to WALK IN THE PROVISION OF HIS GRACE in Christ and we will experience His peace (2b)**

- A.** Paul desired that they live in the context of His grace (2b)
  
- B.** And...experience the result, His peace (2b)