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*The Power of Christ in Changing the World*

**Colossians 1:1-8**

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1. Why is this letter in the Bible? (1:1-2)

2. We thank God because of the hope of heaven. (1:3-8)

## Table Talk

- 1) What is Paul's tone in this letter to the Colossians? Why do you think he is so gentle?
- 2) What are some of the problems that Paul addresses in this letter? (see, e.g., 2:4; 2:8; 2:16-17; 2:21-23; 3:5-9; 3:18-4:6) What is Paul's answer for all of these?
- 3) What is hope? What connection does Paul draw between faith/love and hope? (1:4-5)
- 4) Why is it important for believers to have the proper object of their faith? Why is it important for believers to have the proper destination of their hope?
- 5) Why can believers remain optimistic about our efforts to make the Gospel known? From whom did the Colossians learn the Gospel? Who told you the Gospel? Who are you telling the Gospel?
- 6) How can you join with others (your small group, your ABF, etc.) in sharing this hope of the Gospel?