

## Colossians 1:3-5

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### I. Introduction.

A. If there was a problem in the church, Paul exalts Jesus Christ rather than focusing on the problem. You do not overcome darkness by battling at the darkness. You overcome darkness by turning on the light - Jesus Christ.

B. The theme of Colossians is the supremacy of Jesus Christ in doctrine and practice.

### II. Paul was originally called Saul.

A. Paul means "little one" - he was great but became small for Jesus Christ.

B. There was no passion for prominence with the Apostle Paul - he mentions Timothy. One of the marks of a servant of Jesus is humility, which lifts others so that they can become servants of God. (1 Corinthians 1:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:1, 1 Samuel 18:6-9, Numbers 11:27-29)

C. Make certain you are right where God wants you to be doing it the way God wants it to be done. Paul knew that he was in God's will.

### III. Christians are "saints" set apart for the will of God.

A. We are looking for faithful men who are able to pass on what they teach. (2 Timothy 2:2)

B. Men must be faithful in the little things, in what is another man's.

### IV. It is only when we are related rightly to Jesus Christ that we receive his grace and peace.

A. The love of God is revealed in Jesus Christ.

B. Eternal life is a gift from God not something earned. (1 John 5:11-12)

C. If you do not have Jesus Christ, you do not have life.

D. Repentance and faith towards Jesus is involved.

1. Repentance is giving Jesus Christ control.

2. To believe in Christ is to receive Him in your heart. (Revelation 3:20)

### Application questions

1. Explain how Paul modeled leadership. Why is it so important to become "little?"

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2. What is a “faithful man?”

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3. Have you accepted the gospel of Jesus Christ? Have you received God’s forgiveness? If not, what is keeping you from doing this right now?

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