

Colossians Series

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COLOSSIANS:
Jesus Christ is All Sufficient



Col. 1:1, “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

Col. 1:2, “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Col. 1:1, “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,”

Paul [Παῦλος ἀπόστολος *Paulos apostolos*]

- Before salvation
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Before Salvation

Acts 22:3, “I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up [ἀνατρέφω (*anatrepho*) educated] in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.”

Before Salvation

Phil. 3:4, “though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so:

Phil. 3:5, “circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; (cf., Acts 26:5)

Phil. 3:6, “concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.”

Before Salvation

Gal. 1:13, “For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

Gal. 1:14, “And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.”

Before Salvation

Acts 7:58, “and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:59, “And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’

Acts 8:1, “Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”

Before Salvation

Acts 9:1, “Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Acts 9:2, “and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

Before Salvation

Acts 26:9, “Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Acts 26:10, “This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. [cf., Acts 22:4]

Acts 26:11, “And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.”

Salvation on the Road to Damascus

Acts 9:3, “As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

Acts 9:4, “Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’

Acts 9:5, “And he said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ Then the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ ”

Salvation on the Road to Damascus

Acts 9:6, “So he, trembling and astonished, said, ‘Lord, what do You want me to do?’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’ ”

Gal. 1:12, “For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Salvation on the Road to Damascus

Phil. 3:7, “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

Phil. 3:8, “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Phil. 3:9, “and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;”

Paul came to understand grace

Salvation on the Road to Damascus

1 Cor. 15:9, “For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1 Cor. 15:10, “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

Paul, a Prisoner in Rome

Acts 28:30, “And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him,

Acts 28:31, “preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.”