

## Colossians 1 - Christ we Preach

1. Why it is significant for the church the fact that the word “saints” (1.2) is always used in the plural form in the New Testament?
2. In 1.4 Paul says that the Colossian church had faith in Christ and love for people. Describe how Christian faith and love spring up from hope (1.5). What has caused them to have hope (1.5-6)?
3. What effects does the knowledge of God have on a Christian's life (1.-12)?
4. Please share with the group the characteristics of Christ found in 1.13-22, explaining who He is and what He has done as our Saviour and Lord.
5. How important it is to “continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast and not move away from the hope of the gospel” (1.23)? How does this differ from performance-based salvation?
6. What is the meaning of the expression “what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ” in 1.24? Please see John 15.18-24 and 16.1-3, 2 Corinthians 1.5 and Galatians 6.17  
To what end did Paul labor? What was the focus of his ministry? What does it mean to “preach Christ” in 1.28? What does it teach us as a church? Please read Colossians 1.25-29, 1 Corinthians 15.10 and 58.