

COLOSSIANS: A Study by Bill Jones
“The Foundation of our Faith: Ministering to Others”
(Chapter 1)

Ministering to Others:

I. Through Thanksgiving

(Colossians 1:3-8)

II. Through Prayer

(Colossians 1:9-14)

A. Continuously to fill with

1. Knowledge
2. Spiritual Wisdom
3. Understanding God’s will

B. A Walk Pleasing to God

(Colossians 1:10-14)

1. Bearing fruit in every good work
2. Growing in the knowledge of God
3. Being strengthened in His power
4. Joyfully giving thanks to the Father because of:
 - a. Our inheritance of God’s Kingdom of light,
 - b. Our deliverance from the kingdom of darkness,
 - c. Our redemption and release from the bondage of sin into the freedom of grace.

III. Through the Power of Christ Jesus

(Colossians 1:15-19, Romans 8:26-27, John 17:20-26)

Who is:

A. The image of the invisible God,

(Colossians 1:15)

B. The creator of the universe (live for Him, not for self with its emotional ups and downs), (Colossians 1:15-17, John 10:10)

C. The head of the body (He has complete supremacy over the church and over us). (Colossians 1:18-19)

Other religions are about man seeking God,

Christianity is about God seeking us.

Reconciled by Christ to present us holy through Him, without blemish, free from accusation. (John 8:1-11)

But God calls us to three responsibilities when we minister to others:

IV. Through taking our responsibility seriously

(Colossians 1:21-23)

A. Three responsibilities

1. Continue in our faith, believe
2. Established and firm, our faith should shine (Matthew 5:14-16)
3. Not moved from the hope of the gospel, our faith should persevere
 - a. Stable in our position
 - b. Not misled by every whim or doctrine that comes along

B. And God gives us three reasons to be obedient to the three responsibilities

1. We have heard and experienced the gospel, so this faith is **personal**
 - a. We know its power
 - b. Know its reality, it is not fake
 - c. It is not a religion, it is a personal relationship with the living God
2. Gospel proclaimed universally to every creature and culture, so this faith is **practical** (See also Colossians 1:6)
3. Gospel brings miraculous conversions like Paul, so this faith is **profound**, life changing