



..... Cultivating vessels.

**ENCOUNTER GOD, EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
GREATER: A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS.**

POSTURE IN CHRIST 1.0 - COLOSSIANS 1: 1-8

OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK:

The **central message** of the book is the _____ **and the** _____ of Christ and to help them understand how their _____ should change everything.

In the **first two chapters**, Paul teaches the Colossians _____; in the **last two chapters**, he instructs them on _____.

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

A **genuine encounter** with Jesus will Re-create you, **change** you and **conform** you.

Ref: Phil 3: 4-6, 1 Timothy 1:13-16

VS 2: To the **saints** and **faithful brethren in Christ** *who are* in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The three **postures** of a believer in Christ

1. Jesus sees you as _____.

2. Jesus sees you as _____.
3. Jesus sees you as _____.

Ref: Romans 8:1, 2 Cor.5:17, Gal 2:20.
whose report will you believe?

Do you see yourself the way God sees you in Christ? _____

There are **four reports**; Your Own Report, The People around you, The Society you live in or the Report of Jesus.

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **4** since we heard of your **faith in Christ Jesus** and of your **love for all the saints**; **5** because of the **hope, which is laid up for you in heaven**, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

The three Priorities as believers in Christ

1. _____

1 John 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has

seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

2. _____

1 Peter 1:3-4 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

3. _____

Vs 5-6 because of the hope, which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the **word of the truth of the gospel, 6** which has come to you, as ***it has also in all the world***, and is **bringing forth fruit**, as *it is* also among you since the day you **heard and knew the grace of God** in truth

The Gospel is

(1 Cor. 15:1-3).

Four Attributes of the Gospel:

1. The Gospel is _____
2. The Gospel is _____
3. The Gospel is _____
4. The Gospel supplies _____

VS 7 as you also **learned from Epaphras**, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, **8** who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

- Every disciple of Jesus needs an "Epaphras" and a "Colossae"; A "Disciple maker" and a "Community."

Who are you learning from?

Where are you learning at?